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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Rumford, in and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of Feb., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Mar., A. D. 1905, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

AUGUSTUS PARSONS, late of Canton, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Lovina C. Parsons, the executrix therein named.

ANN F. DURGIN, late of Brownfield, deceased; petition that Charles E. Durgin or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator presented by said Charles E. Durgin, son.

ROSELLA R. SEVERY, late of Dixfield, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Frederick W. Morrison, executor.

CHRISTIAN ALFELT, late of Rumford, deceased; first account for allowance and petition for distribution of balance remaining in his hands presented by Tewksbury L. Sweat, administrator.

GEORGE FITCH, late of Hiram, deceased; third account presented for allowance by John P. Fitch, trustee for the benefit of Fred W. Fitch.

GEORGE FITCH, late of Hiram, deceased; third account presented for allowance by John P. Fitch, trustee for the benefit of Webster Fitch.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in vacation in and for the County of Oxford, on the 23rd day of Feb., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, the following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Mar., A. D. 1905, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

ELISHA C. GILMAN, late of Paris, deceased; first account presented for allowance by James S. Wright, administrator with the will annexed.

ELISHA C. GILMAN, late of Paris, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax and petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by James S. Wright, administrator with the will annexed.

JOHN N. DENNEN, late of Oxford, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by W. W. Dennen, trustee.

JOSIAH S. HODGDON, late of Peru, deceased; final account presented for allowance by W. H. Eastman, executor.

MARY S. GRAY, late of Denmark, deceased; petition for the appointment of George W. Gray or some other suitable person as administrator de bonis non presented by Lizzie H. Pendexter, a sister.

JOHN N. DENNEN, late of Oxford, deceased; final account presented for allowance by W. W. Dennen, executor.

BENJ. F. VIRGIN, late of Mexico, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by George W. Brown, administrator.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—Attest:

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of CHARLES H. GILBERT, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the Hon. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

CHARLES H. GILBERT, of Canton, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents, that on the 19th day of November, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate individually and as a co-partner of Gilbert Br. a under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 17th day of February, A. D. 1905.

CHARLES H. GILBERT, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 25th day of Feb., A. D. 1905, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 17th day of Mar., A. D. 1905, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in The Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further Ordered by the Court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 25th day of Feb., A. D. 1905.

[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:—JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of EZRA M. FULLER, of Peru, Bankrupt. } *In Bankruptcy.*

To the creditors of Ezra M. Fuller in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of Feb., A. D. 1905, the said Ezra M. Fuller was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, Feb. 18, 1905.

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Injunction Sustained.

In April, 1902, the Attorney General of the United States, under direction of President Roosevelt commenced action against the alleged beef trust under what was designated as the Sherman Anti-Trust law. The charges were, combining or conspiring to interfere with interstate commerce, or preventing free competition among owners and sellers of live stock and packing-house products. The trial was before Judge Grosscup of Chicago with the result that an injunction was issued restraining the meat packers from conspiring to raise the price of dressed beef while depressing the price of cattle. Judge Grosscup's injunction contained the following counts: (1) Prohibits the continuance of a combination to suppress competition in the purchase of cattle for slaughter; (2) forbids the maintenance of uniform prices in selling meats; (3) forbids combination between parties to obtain discriminating rates from the railway companies. The injunction was made permanent. An appeal was then taken by the packers to the Supreme court.

It was practically established in Judge Grosscup's court that by mutual agreement among themselves the packers each day fixed the price of live cattle which stock raisers were obliged to accept, and that the selling price of the dressed products was also mutually established.

The United States Supreme Court has recently handed down a decision through Justice Holmes, concurred in by the full bench, sustaining Judge Grosscup's injunction against the beef trust in full.

In sustaining the injunction Justice Holmes thus spoke:

"It charges a combination of a dominant proportion of the dealers in fresh meats throughout the United States not to bid against each other in the live stock markets of the different states, to bid up prices for a few days in order to induce the cattlemen to send their stock to the stockyards, to fix prices at which they will sell and to that end to restrict shipment of meat when necessary, to establish a uniform rule of credit to dealers and to keep a black list, to make uniform and improper charges for cartage, and finally to get less then lawful rates from the railroads to the exclusion of competitors."

Attorney General Moody now believes that there is no longer any possibility of a misunderstanding on the part of the trust, for the injunction accomplishes the following objects:

First—It prohibits the continuance of a combination to suppress competition in the purchase of cattle for slaughter. This branch of the injunction will redound to the benefit of the cattlemen and farmers.

Second—The injunction forbids combinations to maintain uniform prices in selling meats. This section of the injunction will more directly affect the consumers.

Third—It forbids combination between parties to obtain discriminatory rates from the railroad companies. This branch of the litigation will be of benefit to the cattlemen and consumers alike.

It now remains to be shown whether the Sherman Anti-Trust law is still being violated. It is stated that the President has instructed the Attorney General to see that, if proofs of violation can be sustained, prosecutions shall be instituted.

This all goes to prove that what the people have long claimed of the combined slaughtering firms, controlling at their will the price of cattle and the price of dressed meat, is true. If this action of the court succeeds in breaking up such a combination it may be expected that the law of supply and demand will again assert itself, and that the cattle and meat trade will rest on a more rational basis.

Alsike or Red Clover, Which?

A northern reader asks the Prairie Farmer which is the best to sow for hay, alsike or red clover, to which the reply was made that very much depends upon circumstances. For sowing alone the red clover has a distinct advantage over the Alsike in that the latter falls down much worse than the red clover and is difficult to harvest. If timothy or some other stiff strawed plant is to be sown with the clover this objection will be removed.

The Alsike is better adapted to mixing with timothy on account of ripening nearer with the timothy than does the medium red clover. Alsike is also better adapted to low lands that are inclined to be a little wet as it will stand much more adversity in this direction. This is especially true of lands that are subject to overflow. Either clover will add nitrogen to the soil if the proper germs are present. The red clover having a larger root may have a superior physical effect upon some soils, although we have no data at hand either to prove or disprove this point.

As to their feeding value, when cut and cured in equal condition there is perhaps little difference for the feeding of cattle or horses, but with sheep the alsike is fed with less waste, the stems being finer and eaten more readily. The composition of the two clovers is practically the same. The alsike will probably as a rule not yield as large a tonnage as the red clover. On the other hand its finer stem renders it much more easily cured into a first class hay. This is an important item in most seasons in humid climates. These points will probably help in deciding the question, which should be done in all cases in accordance with the local conditions.

Wood Ashes for Fruit Trees.

I have found from my experience that wood ashes is the best fertilizer we can put around our fruit trees, says Mr. Jacob Faith in Western Fruit Grower. Ashes should be placed closer to the bodies of the trees than other fertilizers. Coal ashes are of little value, except on wet land, and trees should not be planted on wet land. I have trees over thirty years old, about which I have placed ashes for many years, and 90 per cent of them are in perfect condition, while other trees not so treated have long since died. The trees which had been treated also bore from one-fourth to one-half more marketable fruit than the untreated trees.

The quantity of ashes to be placed about a tree depends on the size of the tree and the strength of the ashes. One peck of strong unleached ashes about a newly set tree is enough; double the quantity if ashes are leached. I place one to three bushels about trees five years old or more. I think wood ashes are better fertilizers than barnyard manure, as the former causes a sound growth, while the manure is apt to force a rapid growth, liable to winter kill. Nearly every one has noticed how much better trees grow where a brush heap has been burned than on near-by soil; the same is true of grains. Trees and vines most benefited by the application of wood ashes are, in the order named, peach, pear, apple, cherry, plum, grape, raspberry, blackberry, strawberry.

Farmers in the middle west are restocking their farms with sheep regardless of cost. Common ewes and lambs are being picked up readily at seven dollars per head. The Ohio Farmer refers to these farmers who are rushing wildly back into the sheep business as "frenzied shepherds."

No one ever misses it by giving his horses plenty of clean bedding. Three wisps of straw and a clean horse in the morning do not go together.

Progress in Horticultural Methods.

We have seen a complete change in farm machinery. The old tools of years ago have gone out of existence, and we are now using all new and remodelled implements. We have observed the rise of all our present commercial methods of handling apples and other fruits, and the opening of foreign markets, of cold storage, of various manufacturing enterprises, such as the evaporating and canning industries and the grape juice business. We have seen the beginning of the use of glass in commercial floriculture, until in 1890 about sixty-five million square feet of glass were devoted to the business. We have seen the evolution of the plant industry and the mailing trade, of the forcing house business and of industrial education, the rise of colleges and experiment stations. The number of horticultural societies in the United States has been increased to hundreds. State departments of agriculture have been created; also the office of Secretary of Agriculture at Washington. And all this in the lifetime of the Western New York Horticultural Society. The evolution of horticultural literature is no less remarkable. Only two pomological books existed in 1855, the works on fruits by Thomas and Downing. Now we have five hundred volumes devoted to horticultural affairs, and the horticultural press shows an equal progress. The only thing that Dr. Bailey has to note with regret is the passing of the amateur field, it being swallowed up in the commercial trend. There are few collections of fruits, such as that of Ellwanger & Barry or that found on the grounds of the state experiment station. At the stations they are made for scientific purposes, but there are many fruit growers of wealth who might have such collections. It is to be regretted that we have lost the personal touch with the fruit gardens.

Apple and Potato Outlook.

The silver lining to the heavy cloud that has been overhanging the apple and potato situation for several weeks past is still hard to find, the color remains pale at its brightest. The opinion that we have heretofore expressed that the cellar storage stock would prove heavier than commonly thought has proved a good guess, especially with potatoes. Apples are practically at a standstill, in many localities they are literally snowed in. Those that have been moved during the frigid weather have reached the market either badly chilled or frosted, many of them, hence must go at the buyer's price and quickly. These effects produced by deep snows and intense cold are emphasizing strongly the need that storage plants, large or small, should be located directly at railroad shipping points, so that stock can be safely and promptly loaded and shipped when the market demand is best regardless of wind and weather.

Potato conditions are even more sluggish than apple and without as hopeful a future prospect. When the time comes that all potatoes and apples intended for shipping shall be stored in co-operative or individual storehouses—as we believe they will be, practically, in time—there will be had a better opportunity to make an intelligent estimate of the quantity of stock seeking an outlet, hence surer judgment may be used in the matter of selling or holding.—Maine Farmer.

The Stark Apple.

Editor Maine Farmer: I take the liberty to ask you a question in regard to the Stark apple. I have ordered 50 of the trees to set out this spring, but some tell me they are no better than the Ben Davis. If that is so, I do not want them. I can change my order any time before March, and I thought you would be likely to know something of the apple. I have taken the Farmer a good many years and no doubt the Stark apple has been discussed in the paper but I cannot remember such things very well so if you will kindly give me your opinion or knowledge of the apple you will greatly oblige

A. U. FARRINGTON.

Holden, Me.

The Stark apple is grown to a limited extent in this state by many of our fruit growers. It is always found at the exhibitions of the State Pomological Society. The tree is hardy, a strong grower, a good bearer and begins to bear at a reasonably early age. The fruit is of a desirable size, dull red on a green ground in color. The quality is much after the Ben Davis standard save that it is a grade better in flavor, yet can hardly be rated as "good." Keeps well through the winter. Buyers, we think generally, take it with other lots, but prefer the Baldwin and Spy.—Maine Farmer.

Feed Makes the Cow.

There are many good cows that are not known as such simply because they do not get enough feed on the right kind of feed. Cows appropriate a certain amount of feed to put flesh on their bones and after they have supplied this, the excess is turned into milk.

Too many feeders try to get along on as little feed as possible with the result that the cow requires all or nearly all of her allowance to maintain her condition. This is one reason why good judges of cows prefer to pick up animals that they can buy reasonably cheap, depending upon their judgment for good milking qualities. These low-priced cows are then put into a clean, well ventilated stable and their feed gradually increased until they are receiving a full milking ration, or an excess maintenance ration, according to the advancement of the lactation period. Of course, such men are disappointed sometimes, but it frequently happens that cows bought in this way turn out to be splendid milkers when given an abundance of the right kind of feed and proper care.

Some men never have a good cow just for the reason that they are stingy feeders. There are two kinds of poor feeders, one is the extravagant feeder and the other is the stingy feeder. It is not necessary to waste either grain or roughage in feeding dairy cows, but it is necessary to give them all they will clean up properly.—Turf, Farm and Home.

A Variety of Food Necessary.

J. A., of Amherst, Ohio, asks if I reject corn as a food for poultry. By no means; it is one of our best and cheapest poultry foods. It can be fed once a day to good advantage. Fowls like corn and it is good for them, but they must not have too much, and must have other foods every day. Corn once a day, say a quart to twenty hens every night, is almost a necessity, but they need wheat, peas, cooked beans, oats, meat, ground bone, grit and pure water every day. Clover hay is a good winter offset for corn. If you have no other grain but corn, see that they have plenty of clover, cabbage and some lean meat or skim milk. This ought to make it plain. Chickens will eat almost anything, from a dead mouse to a green cucumber, and it puts us forward to provide them with an ample variety of clean, wholesome food if we want them to show good health and produce plenty of eggs.—Cor. in Tribune Farmer.

Five hundred western horses sold in one city in Maine during the past year is a record that would make the broad acres of this state cry out in protest had they but power of speech. Economy is one of the strongest laws of nature. Maine is the natural home of the grasses, clovers and the oat plant, which contain those elements known to be best adapted to building up a perfect horse. The heavy corn feeding practiced in the corn belt admittedly grows a beefy, well-formed drafter quickly and cheaply, but he has to be made all over again and acclimated to boot before he is a real horse adapted to the heavy hill and city work in the East.—Maine Farmer.

Under the Rose

By FREDERIC S. ISHAM,

Author of "The Strollers"

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[CONTINUED.]

"This news makes it the more necessary I should hasten to the king," he said. "The emperor's message—Francis should receive it at once. Here, therefore, must I leave you; or why do you not return with me?" addressing the jester. "The letter from Charles will exonerate you, and Francis will reward you in proportion to the injuries you have suffered. What say you, mistress?"

"That I will never go back," she answered briefly and looked away.

Caillette's perplexity was relieved by the plaisant. "Farewell, if you must leave," said the latter. "We meet again, I trust."

"The fates willing," returned the poet. "Farewell, and good fortune go with you both." And, wheeling abruptly, he rode slowly back. The jester and the girl watched him disappear over the road they had come.

"A true friend," said the plaisant as Caillette vanished in the gloom.

"You regret not returning with him, perhaps?" she observed quickly. "Honors and offices of preferment are not plentiful."

"I want none of them from Francis," he returned as they started slowly on their way.

Their horses crept along; the girl bent forward wearily; heretofore the excitement and danger had sustained her, but now the reaction from all she had endured bore down upon her. She thought of calling to the fool, of craving the rest she so needed, but a feeling of pride or constraint held her silent. Before her the shadows danced illusively, the film of brightness changed and shifted, then all glimmering and partial shade were swallowed up in a black chasm.

Riding near, the jester observed her form sway from side to side and spurred forward. In a moment he had clasped her waist, then lifted her from the saddle and held her before him.

"Jacqueline!" he cried.

She offered no resistance. Her head remained motionless on his breast. Sedulously he bent over her. The warm breath reassured him; tired nature had simply succumbed.

Gathering the young form gently to him, the jester rode slowly on, and the horse of his companion followed. So he went, he knew not how long, listening to her breathing that came full and deep, half fearing, half wondering at that relaxation. For the first time he forgot about the emperor and his purpose, the free baron and the desires of sweet avengement. He thought only of her he held; how courageous yet alone she was in the world; how she had planned the service which won her the right to his protection; her flight from Francis—but where? To whom could she go? To whom could she turn? Unconscious she lay in his arms in that deep sleep or heavy inertia following exhaustion, her pale face against his shoulder, and as the young plaisant bent over her his heart thrilled with protecting tenderness.

And, but for him, whom else had she? This young girl, had she not become his burden of responsibility, his moral obligation? For the first time he seemed to realize how the fine tendrils of her nature had touched his; touched and clung, ever so gently, but fast.

He saw her, too, secretly and silently cherishing a new faith in her bosom amid a throng, lax and infirm of purpose, and wonderment gave way to another emotion as his mind leaped from that past, with its covert, inner life, to the untrammeled moment when she had thrown off the mask in the solitude of the forest.

Afar the bell of some wanderer from the herd tinkled drowsily, arousing him from his reverie. The horses were ascending. The road emerged into a plain set with bracken and gorse, with here and there a single tree whose inclining trunk told of storms braved for many seasons. Near the highway,

He forgot he yet held her hand.

in the shadow of a [illegible], stood a shepherd's hut apparently deserted and isolated from humankind. The fool reined the horse, which for some time had been moving painfully, and at that abrupt cessation of motion the jestress looked up with a start.

Meeting his eyes, at first she did not withdraw her own. Questioningly her bewildered gaze encountered his. Then with a quick movement she released herself from his arm and sprang to the ground. He, too, immediately dismounted. She felt very wide awake now, as though the sudden consciousness of that encircling grasp or something in his glance before she slipped from him had startled away the torpor of somnolence.

"You fainted, or fell asleep, mistress," he said quietly.

"Yes, I remember, in the gorge."

"It was impossible to stop there, so I rode on. But here in this shepherd's hut we may find shelter."

And, turning the horses, he would have led them to the door, but the animals held back, then stood stock still. Striding to the hut, the jester stepped in, but quickly sprang to one side, and as he did so some creature shot out of the door and disappeared in the gloom.

"A wolf!" exclaimed the plaisant.

Entering the hut once more, he struck a light. In a corner lay furze and firewood, and from this store he drew, heaping the combustible material on the hearth until a cheering blaze fairly illumined the worn and dilapidated interior. Near the fireplace were a pot and kettle, whose rusted appearance bespoke long disuse, but a trencher and porridge spoon on a stool near by seemed waiting the coming of the master. A couch of straw had been the lonely shepherd's bed and later the lodgment of his enemy, the wolf.

"Here you may rest, Jacqueline, without fear of being disturbed again this night," he said.

She sank wearily upon the straw, then gave him her hand gratefully. Her face looked rosy in the reflection from the hearth. A comforting sense of warmth crept over her as she lay in front of the blaze. Her eyes were languorous with the luxury of the heat after a chilling ride. Drawing the cloak to her chin, she smiled faintly. Was it at his solicitude? He noticed how her hair swept from the saddle pillowing her head to the earth, and, sitting there on the stool, wondering perhaps at its abundance, or half dreaming, he forgot he yet held her hand. Gently she withdrew it, and he started.

"Why did you not tell me it was not a discussion with the scamp student?" she asked. "Why did you let me imagine that you"— Her eyes said the rest. "You should not have permitted me to—to think it," she reiterated.

He was silent. She closed her eyes, but in a moment her lashes uplifted.

"And I should not have thought it," she said.

"Jacqueline!" he cried, starting up.

She did not answer—indeed, seemed sleeping—her face turned from him.

Through the open doorway a streak of red in the east heralded the coming glory of the morn. "Peep, peep," twittered a bird on the roof of the hovel. From the poplar it was answered by a more melodious phrase, a song of welcome to the radiant dawn. A moment the jester listened, his head raised to the growing splendor of the heaven, then threw himself on the earthen floor of the hut and was at once overcome with sleep.

CHAPTER XXII.

THE slanting rays of the sinking sun shot athwart the valley, glanced from the tile roofs of the homes of the peasantry and illumined the lofty towers of a great manorial chateau.

Into the little town at the foot of the big house rode shortly before nightfall the jester and his companion. During the day the young girl had seemed diffident and constrained. She who had been all vivacity and life, on a sudden kept silence, or when she did speak her tongue had lost its sharpness.

His first greeting that morning had been a swift, almost questioning, glance before which she had looked away. In her face was the freshness of dawn, the grace of springtide. Overhead sang a lark; at their feet a brook whispered; around them solitude, vast, infinite. He spoke and she answered; her reserve became infectious; they ate their oaten cakes and drank their wine, each strongly conscious of the presence of the other. Then he rose, saddled their horses and assisted her to mount.

So they rode, pausing betimes to rest, and even then she had little to say save once when they stopped at a rustic bridge which spanned a stream.

"Who is it that has wedded the princess?"

For a moment he did not answer, then briefly related the story.

"And why did you not tell me this before?" she asked when he had finished.

"Would you have credited me then?" he replied, with a smile.

Quickly she looked at him. Was there that in her eyes which to him robbed memory of its sting? At their feet the water leaped and laughed, curled around the stones and ran on with dancing bubbles. Perhaps he returned her glance too readily; perhaps the recollection of the ride the night before recurred overvividly to her, for she gazed suddenly away, and he wondered in what direction her thoughts tended, when she said with some reserve:

"Shall we go on?"

They had not long left the brook and the bridge when from afar they caught sight of the regal chateau and the clustering progeny of red roofed houses at its base. At once they drew rein.

"Shall we enter the town, or avoid it by riding over the mead?" said the plaisant.

"What danger would there be in going on?" she asked. "Whom might we meet?"

Thoughtfully he regarded the shining towers of the royal residence. "None, I think," he at length replied, and they went on.

Around the town ran a great wall, with watchtowers and a deep moat, but no person questioned their right to the freedom of the place, a sleepy soldier at the gate merely glancing indifferently at them as they passed beneath the heavy archway. Gabled houses with a tendency to incline from the perpendicular overlooked the winding street; dull, round panes of glass stared at them fraught with mystery and the possibility of spying eyes behind, but the thoroughfare in that vicinity appeared deserted save for an old woman seated in a doorway. Before this grandam, whose lackluster eyes were fastened steadfastly before her, the fool paused and asked the direction of the inn.

"Follow your nose, if nature gave you a straight one," cried a jeering voice from the other side of the thoroughfare. "If it be crooked, a blind man and a dog were a better guide."

The speaker, a squat, misshapen figure, had emerged from a passage turning into the street and now stood, twirling a fool's head on a stick and gazing impudently at the newcomers.

"Ha, ha!" laughed the oddity who had volunteered this malapert response to the jester's inquiry. "Yonder signpost," pointing to the aged dame, "has lost its fingers, or, rather, its ears. Better trust to your nose."

"Triboulet!" exclaimed Jacqueline.

"Is it you, ladybird?" said the surprised dwarf, recognizing in turn the maid. "And with the plaisant," staring hard at the fool. Then a cunning look gradually replaced the wonder depicted on his features. "You are fleeing from the court, I toward it," he remarked jocosely.

"What mean you, fool?" demanded the horseman sternly.

"That I have run away from the duke, fool," answered the hunchback. "The foreign lord dared to beat me—Triboulet—who have only been beaten by the king. Sooner or later must I have fled in any event, for what is Triboulet without the court or the court without Triboulet?" his indignation merging into arrogant vainglory.

"When did you leave the duke?" asked the other slowly.

"Several days ago," replied the dwarf, gazing narrowly at his questioner. "Down the road. He should be far away by this time."

Suspiciously the duke's jester regarded the hunchback and then glanced dubiously toward the gate through which they had entered the town. He had experienced Triboulet's duplicity and malice, yet in this instance was disposed to give credence to his story, because he doubted not that Louis of Hochfels would make all haste out of Francis' kingdom. Nor did it appear unreasonable that Triboulet should pine for the excitement of his former life, the pleasures and gayety which prevailed at Fools' hall. If the hunchback's information were true they need now have little fear of overtaking the free baron and his following, as not far beyond the chateau town the main road broke into two parts, the one continuing southward and the other branching off to the east.

While the horseman was thus reflecting, Triboulet, like an imp, began to dance before them.

"A good joke, my master and mistress in motley," he cried. "The king was weak enough to exchange his dwarf for a demoiselle. The latter has fled; the monarch has neither one nor the other, therefore is he himself the fool. And thou, mistress, art also worthy of the madcap bells," he added, his distorted face upturned to the jestress.

"How so?" she asked, not concealing the repugnance he inspired.

"Because you prefer a fool's cap to a king's crown," he answered, looking significantly at her companion, "where in you but followed the royal preference for head coverings. Ho, ho! I saw which way the wind blew; how the monarch's eyes kindled when they rested on you; how the wings of Mme. d'Etampes' coif fluttered like an angry butterfly."

"Silence, rogue!" commanded the duke's fool, wheeling his horse toward the dwarf.

"And then for her to turn from a throne room to a dungeon!" went on Triboulet satirically as he retreated. "As Brusquet wrote, 'twas

"Morbleu! A merry monarch and a jestress fair;
A jestress fair, I ween!"

But ere the hunchback could finish this scurrilous doggerel of the court, over which doubtless many loose witlings had laughed, the girl's companion placed his hand on his sword and started toward the dwarf. The words died on Triboulet's lips. Hastily he dodged into a narrow space between two houses, where he was safe from pursuit. Jacqueline's face had become flushed. Her lips were compressed. The countenance of the duke's plaisant seemed paler than its wont.

"Little monster!" he muttered.

But the hunchback in his retreat was now regarding neither the horseman nor the young girl. His glittering eyes, as if fascinated, rested on the weapon of the plaisant.

"What a fine blade you've got there!" he said curiously. "Much better than a wooden sword. Jeweled, too, by the holy bagpipe! And a coat of arms"—more excitedly—"yes, the coat of arms of the great constable of Dubrois! As proud a sword as that of the king. Where did you get it?" And in his sudden interest the dwarf half ventured from his place of refuge.

"Answer him not!" said the girl hastily.

"Was it you, mistress, gave it him?" he asked, with a sudden sharp look.

Her contemptuous gaze was her only reply.

"By the dust of kings, when last I saw it, the haughty constable himself it was who wore it," continued Triboulet. "Aye, when he defied Francis to his face. I can see him now, a rich surcoat over his gilded armor, the queen mother gazing at him with all her soul in her eyes, the brilliant company startled, even the king overawed. 'Twas I broke the spell, while the monarch and the court were silent, not daring to speak."

"You!" From the young woman's eyes flashed a flame of deepest hatred.

The hunchback shrank back, then laughed. "I, Triboulet!" he boasted. "'Ha,' said I, 'he's greater than the king!' whereupon Francis frowned, started and answered the constable, refusing his claim. Not long thereafter the constable died in Spain, and I completed the jest. 'So,' said I, 'he is less than a man.' And the king, who remembered, laughed."

"Let us go," said the jestress, very white.

Silently the plaisant obeyed, and Triboulet once more ventured forth. "Momus go with you!" he called out after them.

More quickly they rode on. Furtively, with suppressed rage in his heart, the duke's fool regarded his companion. Her face was cold and set, and as his glance rested on its pale, pure outline, beneath his breath he cursed Brusquet, Triboulet and all their kind. He understood now—too well—the secret of her flight. What he had heretofore been fairly assured of was unmistakably confirmed. The sight of the tavern which they came suddenly upon and the appearance of the innkeeper interrupted this dark trend of thought, and, springing from his horse, the jester helped the girl to dismount.

The house, being situated in the immediate proximity of the grand chateau, received a certain patronage from noble lords and ladies. This trade had given the proprietor such an opinion of his hostelry that common folks were not wont to be overwhelmed with welcome. In the present instance the man showed a disposition to scrutinize too closely the modest attire of the newcomers and the plain housings of their chargers, when the curt voice of the jester recalled him sharply from this forward occupation.

With a shade less of disrespect the proprietor bade them follow him. Rooms were given them, and in the larger of the two chambers the plaisant, desiring to avoid publicity of the dining and tap room, ordered their supper to be served.

During the repast the girl scarcely spoke; the capon she hardly touched; the claret she merely sipped. Once when she held the glass to her lips he noticed her hand trembled just a little, and then when she set down the goblet how it closed, almost fiercely.

"Oh," she said at length, as though giving utterance to some thought which, pent up, she could no longer control, "the irony, the tragedy, of it!"

"What, Jacqueline?" he asked gently, although he felt the blood surging in his head.

"Morbleu! A merry monarch"—she began, and broke off abruptly, rising to her feet, with a gesture of aversion, and moving restlessly across the room. "After all these years! After all that had gone before!"

For some time he sat with his sword across his knees, thinking deeply. She went to the window and looked out. When she spoke again her voice had regained its self command.

"A dark night," she said mechanically.

"Jacqueline," he asked, glancing up from the blade, "why in the crypt that day we escaped did you pause at that monument?"

She pressed the hilt to her lips.

Quickly she turned, gazing at him from the half darkness in which she stood.

"Did you see to whom the monument was erected?" she asked in a low voice.

"To the wife of the constable. But what was Anne, duchess of Dubrois, to you?"

"She was the last lady of the castle," said the girl softly.

"And how was it, mistress, the castle was confiscated by the king?" he continued after a pause.

"Shall I tell you the story?" she asked, her voice hardening.

"If you will," he answered.

"Triboulet's description of the scene where the constable braved the king, insisting on his rights, was true," she observed proudly.

"But why had the noble wearer of this sword been deprived of his feudality and tenure?"

"Because he was strong and great, and the king feared him; because he was noble and handsome, and the queen regent loved him. It was not her hand only Louise of Savoy, Francis' mother, offered, but the throne."

Quickly she crossed the room and leaned upon the table. In the glimmer of the candles her face was soft and tender. He thought he had never seen a sweeter or more womanly expression.

"But he refused it," she continued, "for he loved only the memory of his wife, Lady Anne, she a perfect being; the other—what?"

On her features shone a fine contempt.

"Then followed the endless persecution and spite of a woman scorned," she continued rapidly. "One by one his honors were wrested from him. He who had borne the flag triumphantly through Italy was deprived of the government of Milan and replaced by a brother of Mme. de Chateaubriant, then favorite of the king. His castle lands, were confiscated until, driven to despair, he fled and allied himself with the emperor. 'Traitor' they called him—he, a Bayard!"

A moment she stood, an exalted look on her features—tall, erect—then stepped toward him and took the sword. With a bright and radiant glance she surveyed it, pressed the hilt to her lips and with both hands held it to her bosom. As if fascinated, the fool watched her. Her countenance was upturned; a moment, and it fell; a dark shadow crossed it; beneath her lashes her eyes were like night.

"But he failed because Charles, the emperor, failed him," she said almost mechanically, "and, broken in spirit, met his death miserably in exile. Yet his cause was just. His memory is dearer than that of a conqueror. She, the queen mother, is dead. God alone may deal with her."

More composed, she resumed her place in the chair on the other side of the table, the sword across her arm.

"And how came you, mistress," he asked, regarding her closely, "in the pleasure palace built by Francis?"

"When the castle was taken, all who had not fled were a gamekeeper and his little girl—myself. The latter"—ironically—"pleased some of the court ladies. They commended her wit, and gradually was she advanced to the high position she occupied when you arrived," with a strange glance across the board at her listener.

"And the gamekeeper—your father—is dead?"

"Long since."

"The constable had no children?"

"Yes, a girl who, it is believed, died with him in Spain."

The entrance of the servant to remove the dishes interrupted their further conversation. As the door opened from below came the voices of newcomers, the impatient call of tipplers for ale, the rattle of dishes in the kitchen. Wrapped in the recollections the conversation had evoked, to Jacqueline the din passed unnoticed, and when the rosy cheeked lass had gone it was the jester who first spoke.

"What a commentary on the mockery of fate that the sword of such a man, so illustrious, so unfortunate, should be intrusted to a fool!"

"Why," she said, looking at him, her arms on the table, "you drew it bravely, and once more bravely kept it sheathed."

His face flushed. She half smiled, then placed the blade on the board before him.

"There it is."

Above the sword he reached over, as if to place his hand on hers, but she quickly rose. Absently he returned the weapon to his girdle.

"How tired I feel!" she said.

Immediately he got up. "You are worn out from the journey," he observed quickly.

But he knew it was not the journey that had most affected her.

"I will leave you," he went on. "Have you everything you need?"

"Everything," she answered carelessly.

He walked to the door. The light was on his face; hers remained shaded.

"Good night," she said.

"Good night, Jacqueline, duchess of Dubrois," he answered, and, turning, disappeared down the corridor.

CHAPTER XXIII.

FROM one of the watchtowers of the town rang the clear note of a trumpet, a tribute of melody, occasioned by the awakening in the east. As the last clarion tones re-echoed over the sleeping village a crimson rim appeared above the horizon, and soon the entire wheel of the chariot of the sun got rolled up out of the illimitable abyss and began its daily race across the sky.

About the same time the sleepy guard at the town gate was relieved by an equally drowsy appearing trooper. Here and there windows were flung open [illegible] well in the small public square the [illegible] began to congregate. In the taproom of the tavern the land

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Notes from the Legislature.

The long series of hearings by the special committee on state printing came to an end Monday night with a session lasting until after midnight, and a hearing was held the next day on the bill to abolish the office of state printer. There seems to be quite a general impression about the state house that the office will be abolished.

Resubmission was defeated in the house Tuesday, after some further debate, which came near getting personal before it was finished. The vote was 28 in favor of resubmission, and 101 opposed. The Oxford County representatives all voted against resubmission, except Martin of Rumford, who was absent.

An interesting hearing was that before the committee on taxation on Tuesday, on the State Grange bill to add a mill to the state tax for the benefit of schools, and reduce the minimum to be raised by the towns for common schools from 80 cents per inhabitant to 30 cents. The bill had strong supporters and strong opponents.

The bill to provide penalties for nonfeasance of duty by sheriffs and county attorneys was passed by the senate Wednesday, 20 to 4, notwithstanding the opposition of Senator Staples, who alone signed the minority report against the bill.

By a vote of 18 to 3, the senate passed the bill increasing the governor's salary from $2000 to $3000.

The Sturgis liquor law enforcement bill has two reports from the temperance committee, five members in favor and five opposed.

Franklin County also wants a five-dollar bounty on bears like Oxford's and the matter has been left with the delegation from that county.

The committee on agriculture has reported in favor of an act putting a bounty on crows, and an act to prevent willful destruction of trailing arbutus.

The senate by a vote of 20 to 3, and after a debate, voted Thursday in favor of the repeal of the compulsory arbitration clause in the Maine standard fire insurance policy.

The bill to tax the trading stamp business is defeated.

Favorable reports have been made on an act to extend the charter of the Buckfield Water Power and Eleteric Light Company, and an act to amend the charter of the Norway Village Corporation.

The fish and game committee has reported favorably on a bill for the protection of fish in the tributaries of Upper Kezar Pond, and an act to regulate fishing for trout and salmon in Big Concord Pond. The bill last named closes Concord and its tributaries for five years.

Resubmission was disposed of in the senate Friday by a vote of 3 in favor and 15 opposed.

Hon. Joseph F. Stearns.

Hon. Joseph F. Stearns of Lovell died at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. H. L. Bartlett of Norway, Monday afternoon, Feb. 27. While away from home on a visit he was taken ill and he did not return home, but on reaching Norway a three-fold surgical operation was performed. This was on Sunday, the 19th. He did not have strength enough to make a recovery, and died nine days later.

Mr. Stearns was born in Lovell Jan. 18, 1842, and had always been a highly esteemed and popular resident. He had been honored with numerous offices in the town, was county commissioner from 1893 to 1899, and was in the Maine senate in 1901. He was always a Republican, and was a member of the county committee at the time of his death.

During the civil war Mr. Stearns saw considerable service, having enlisted first in the 133d Pennsylvania, and later with the 12th Maine, in which he served as sergeant. He was much interested in the G. A. R. and had been commander of Parker Post of Lovell.

Mr. Stearns was a member of the First Congregational Church of Lovell, and an earnest worker in it. He was also a member of Delta Lodge of Masons and Kezar Valley Lodge of Odd Fellows, and had held the highest offices in both organizations. He was a very genial, companionable man, and leaves a host of warm friends and sincere mourners all over the county and wherever he was known.

He is survived by a widow and four children: Edith S., wife of Dr. H. L. Bartlett of Norway; Elizabeth, wife of Charles L. Bartlett of Stoneham; Albert J. Stearns, a well known Norway man; and Josephine Barker Stearns, who lived on the home place at Lovell.

Henry M. Colby.

Henry M. Colby, one of the best known citizens of Rumford, died at his home in Rumford Centre, Tuesday, Feb. 28, of Bright's disease. Death came very quickly, he having been apparently as well as ever only a few days before. The funeral was held on Friday, attended by Rev. G. B. Hannaford.

Mr. Colby was born July 24, 1839, and was the son of Joseph E. Colby, for whom the Grand Army Post at Rumford Centre is named. He was a man of high character and of much influence in the community. He had served the town in various offices, and had represented it in the legislature. In the war of the Rebellion he served as a member of the Second Maine Regiment Band, and he was a member of the Grand Army Post which bears his father's name.

Mr. Colby married Nancy J. Farnum, who survives him, as does one son, Wirt Colby.

The Eastern Steamship Co. has given the Eastern Shipbuilding company of Groton, Conn., a contract for two large turbine passenger steamers. The steamers will cost over half a million dollars apiece. The specifications call for sister turbine ships of steel, 300 feet in length, fifty feet beam, eight feet draft light and tent feet loaded. These steamers are expected to maintain at sea a speed of from eighteen to twenty knots per hour, being driven by three propellers, each of which will turn up 500 revolutions a minute. The new ships will be fitted with every modern convenience and will contain about 200 light, airy and roomy staterooms. One feature in which the steamers will be vastly more comfortable for their passengers than vessels driven by reciprocating engines will be an entire lack of vibration. The Eastern Co.'s is the first contract for turbine passenger steamers ever given in this country.

Personal.

Curtis E. Abbott of Locke's Mills is one of the members of the senior class at the University of Maine who are selected for commencement parts.

For Senator.

Albert R. Hill of Brownfield will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for senator from Oxford County in 1906. Mr. Hill represented his district in the legislature of 1903.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. E. O. Taylor, pastor Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 11:45 A. M.

Mrs. C. L. Carter, who has spent the winter in Montclair, N. J., was at the Hill for a day or two last week, stopping off on her way to Bethel.

The annual meeting of the Sumner and Paris Telephone and Telegraph Co., for reports and election of officers, will be held at the Forbes school house, Saturday, March 11, at 2 P. M.

There will be a poverty party at Academy Hall, Thursday evening of this week. Music by Stearns' Orchestra. Admission to spectators 10 cents. Dancing 50 cents per couple. Every one invited to dress in the most ragged suit possible. A good time insured.

The Ladies' Universalist Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. O. A. Thayer next Thursday afternoon at half-past two.

On Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Cummings Hall, the Ladies' Aid will meet to sew. All ladies are invited to come and bring some work they will do for the coming fair to be held in August. Supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock, to which a cordial invitation is given to all to come, and also to contribute for the tables. In the evening a social and good time. Admission 10 cents.

Amidst all the reports of drought and shortage of water, Paris Hill is rejoicing in an abundant and uninterrupted supply of the best water furnished to any village in this state of noted springs. In the six winters that this system has been in operation, only one family has ever been cut off for any length of time by a freeze outside the buildings.

Jarvis M. Thayer is getting out lumber for an addition to his barn at Elmhurst Farm to be built this spring.

Leslie E. Newell has been indulging his taste for a good horse by purchasing a very handsome and promising Bay Nelson colt.

Mrs. Columbia Parris celebrated her 91st birthday on the 27th of February. Mrs. Parris is a remarkably young woman of her age, her mental faculties being as bright as ever.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

School closed Friday, March 3d, with a sociable Thursday evening. Quite a large attendance. Harold Briggs, teacher. He gave the scholars a nice present. The scholars in return gave him a nice little present.

Henry Tuttle is again able to be out.

North Paris.

Charles Page is reported sick with a fever.

The other sick ones are reported on the gain.

A. J. Abbott and wife visited their son, Arthur, at South Poland last week. Mr. Abbott attended a meeting of Pomona Grange at Rowe's Corner.

James Ross has done work for Dea. Dunham for the present.

Joseph Moody has bought some standing wood of Cyprian Benson.

H. W. Dunham has been sick with bilious fever, but is now out again.

There will be a school entertainment at the school house at North Paris consisting of dialogues, readings, music, etc., the evening of March 9, the schools in the Tuell and Harbor districts uniting. A good time is anticipated and all are cordially invited. There will be a box supper.

Four candidates received the first and second degrees at West Paris Grange, Feb. 25th, and 11 applications were received. There will be a special meeting March 4th to confer degrees. The county grange meets with West Paris Grange, March 7th.

Mrs. Laura Bosworth of Guildhall, Vt., visited at Lincoln Holmes' last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chase and B. K. Dow are all sick with the grippe.

Almon Cole of Bigelow visited at J. G. Crawford's last week.

Greenwood.

Now that we are fairly launched into the month that beareth the gentle name of spring, we will take a look rearward, somewhat as Mrs. Lot did when leaving Sodom, but let us hope with better results, first noticing the zero days and then the number of snow storms, together with the amount of snow.

There were only two zero mornings in December, six in January, and eight in February; the coldest morning being on the 15th of January, when the temperature indicated 17 below. But being somewhat elevated, and the land inclined to the south, it is never so cold here as in many other localities.

The first snow storm of the season occurred on the 13th-14th of November, when there was a fall of 15 inches, and the second was a fall of two inches on the 29th.

December gave us four snow storms, the heaviest being on the 27th, a fall of eight inches.

The record shows five snow storms in January, the heaviest being on the 4th, 5th and 6th, the amount being 12 inches. On the 7th occurred the rain storm and January thaw of one day duration.

Turning to February we find four storms recorded, the first on the 6th, and the last on the 18th, the heaviest fall being six inches on the 12th and 13th. Thus we find that during the whole winter season there were 16 zero days and 15 snow storms, the total fall being 73 inches, or a trifle more than six feet.

The past winter will go on record as remarkable for the steady cold weather and the light snow storms, the heaviest being the first one that occurred in November, being 15 inches, as above stated. And now it remains to be seen what March has for us; thus far it has been good winter weather and that in fact is what the wood haulers want to see.

On the first day of December we visited Dea. R. L. Cole, and found him doing chores at the barn; on the last day of February we called on him again, and found him so changed by disease as hardly to look like himself. His only daughter, the widow Mattie Estes, of Lynn, Mass., is visiting there, her former home.

We are indebted to Ansel G. Staples of Canton for a letter telling all about the people in that vicinity; but how changed from 55 years ago, when we worked for his father, Capt. James Staples. Mr. Staples once belonged to a family of 11 children, only three of whom are now living, one sister in California, one in Boston, and himself.

Also indebted to W. E. Cummings of Albany for a copy of the town report. It shows the town to be in good financial standing.

Denmark.

Mrs. S. T. Brown has returned from Conway and is making her home with Mrs. A. H. Witham for the present.

Mrs. Blaisdell, mother of Mr. Chas. Blaisdell, at East Denmark, was found dead in her bed March 3d.

Mrs. Ada Swan remains about the same as when last reported.

Drama and sociable at Odd Fellows' hall by the Y. P. S. C. E. next Wednesday evening. A baked bean supper will be furnished.

Mr. J. E. Ingalls will be the mail carrier for the next four years, having received his appointment.

Locke's Mills.

Charles, Will and Herbert Blake of East Bethel are cutting ice at this place for the East Bethel people. The river ice is spoiled by the works at Berlin. The ice they are cutting is 28 inches thick.

Mrs. Wesley Cole, who has been quite poorly for some weeks, is about the same.

Mr. Rowe and daughter, Mrs. Whitman, of Bryant's Pond, visited at D. D. Cross' one day recently.

Mrs. Chas. Bartlett, who has been sick for some two weeks, is better.

W. H. Farnham had an ill turn this week, threatened with the grippe, but is quite a good deal better.

West Paris.

Last week at Bethel occurred the death of one of our oldest and most well known citizens, Mr. Francis A. Young. Mr. Young has been in failing health for some time. For several years he and his wife have spent their summers at their former homestead here, and have passed the winters with their children at Bethel. This last autumn they went away with the intention of permanently remaining at Bethel. Funeral services were at Bethel and the body was brought here last Friday for burial. Mr. Young was the son of Daniel Young and was born in Norway, Dec. 21, 1826. He married Fannie E. Spaulding and they had a family of eight children, five of whom are now living. He was one of the first settlers in this village and came here in 1853 and went into trade. At that time the G. T. R. R. had only been built two or three years and there were but two or three houses in the place. In 1854 Elijah S. Berry was appointed the first postmaster. In 1857 Mr. Young was appointed to that office, and with the exception of a short time about 1860, held that position continuously until the time of Cleveland's first administration in 1884. He therefore had the unusual record of being postmaster for about twenty-five years.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church are feeling much gratified that the nice new pews recently put into the chapel are now all paid for mostly by their efforts. They had $150.00 of their previous earnings which they utilized for that purpose.

A party of ten young people went from here to South Paris to the bazaar last Thursday evening to see the drama Hazel Adams played. They report that the play was very well handled. A. K. Shurtleff protests that he was very anxious to go with the party but did not feel that he could spare the necessary funds. We suggest that the South Paris friends take up a benevolent collection for our prosperous druggist.

Mrs. F. S. Farnum has now got nicely settled in her apartment in Masonic Block. She has a pleasant location which is an improvement over her former upstairs rooms over the store of F. D. Small.

Mrs. Farnum will close her store this week, as she is in Boston to attend the millinery openings.

Rev. F. E. Barton was in town last Saturday making calls, and was a guest over Saturday night with Dr. and Mrs. O. K. Yates.

There was a dance at Dunham's Hall Friday evening. Horatio B. Hammond lost a good overcoat containing a silk handkerchief and a pair of gloves. It is supposed some one at the hall exchanged by mistake.

Our genial butcher has been passing cigars and receiving congratulations on his recent matrimonial venture.

Miss Margie M. McKenney has returned home from Farmington where she has been attending the State Normal School.

Mrs. Sarah E. Curtis and grandson, Earle Adams, are visiting at Frank S. Briggs' in Portland.

The mother of Walter Rowe, who has been in his family for several weeks, has gone home to Buckfield, and Mr. Rowe's sister, Lillian, is with them now.

The drama Hazel Adams will be presented at Dunham's Hall next Friday evening, March 10th, under the auspices of Granite Chapter, O. E. S. Following is the cast of characters:

Hazel Adams, ... Mrs. C. H. Bates.
Mrs. Adams, ... Agnes Brock.
Chloe, ... Jennie L. Bradbury.
John Adams, ... C. F. Barden
Basil Northcote, ... W. E. Hammond.
George Beatty, } ..... Clarence L. Ridlon.
John Esterbrook, }
Joe, ... Carroll A. Bacon
Mose, ... Chas. R. Briggs.

There will be specialties between the acts. Prices 25 and 10 cents.

West Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cram were made happy Monday morning by the arrival of a baby girl.

Mrs. Simon Hanscom has gone to Portland, Me., on a visit among friends.

Mr. Hollis Cole went to Kezar Falls one day last week. He sold his team while there to Orman Stanley.

Mrs. Jennie Dennett is working for Mrs. A. G. Cram.

Mrs. J. A. Dennett still remains about the same.

Mrs. Eunice Cole remains about the same, being able to sit up only a little while at a time.

Bert Bartlett called on F. R. Bailey one day recently.

Mrs. Almeda Bailey has taken the agency for I. Lappin's wall paper. She sold ten dollars' worth the first time she went out.

Hollis Cole and sister, Mae, spent an evening recently with Mrs. Almeda Bailey.

George Leavitt is working for J. A. Dennett.

Waldo Lowell has returned from Porter, Me., and is working for Wirt Eaton this winter.

Mexico.

Mrs. Wallace Babb's funeral services were held Saturday last. Her death was caused by internal injuries received in a fall on a flight of steps that led into a shed or stable.

Rev. C. L. Parker preached to a large congregation Sunday—not, he declared, his farewell sermon, as he hoped to come here again during the summer vacation, and, if desired to do so, again occupy the pulpit for a Sabbath or more. He left Monday, the 27th, for his new charge, near Cleveland, O. His going away leaves us regretting. An indefatigable worker, a pulpit orator having a fine sermon every Sabbath, replete with fine thoughts tersely presented, he has succeeded in organizing a church having quite a large membership, and by his persistent effort succeeded in obtaining the erection of a large, commodious church building. He has been one of our school board during the past three years, and in that capacity has performed efficient work. He has been fearless in doing what he thought should be done, and by his strenuous course has made some enemies, but leaves hosts of true friends and admirers.

West Sumner.

Wm. A. Barrows Relief Corps will give a dinner on Wednesday, March 8th. A good jolly time is expected. Aprons and fancy articles on sale and every one is invited to come and enjoy himself.

Mr. William Glover of Livermore Falls is visiting relatives in our village.

Mr. G. A. Chandler recently sold a horse to Mr. Horatio Chandler.

Dancing school is progressing finely. Prof. Towle is an excellent master and very much liked by all. Twenty-eight couples in attendance.

Mrs. E. G. Doble is suffering from a severe attack of grippe.

Mrs. Hiram Howe entertained Snow Bound Reading Club on Thursday, March 2d.

Mrs. Helen Robertson is visiting her brother, D. D. Small, and family, for a while.

The Royal Medicine Co., No. 7, is in town and is giving a series of entertainments. There is a good crowd every night and the programme is "all right."

Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe, who have spent the winter with their children in Massachusetts, have returned to their home in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meserve, who have been stopping in Portland for a few days, are again at home.

Will McDonald of Brownfield is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald.

Mr. Fred Williams is in the hospital in Portland. Also Mrs. Harry Walker and Miss Ida Fessenden. The last report they were comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bradeen have a young daughter.

Wilson's Mills.

F. A. Flint's family have rooms at H. G. Bennett's for the present.

Mrs. Newell Littlehale and daughter Lillian spent several days last week with Mrs. Littlehale's brother, D. C. Bennett.

H. W. Fickett has returned home and is doing carpenter work for D. C. Bennett.

Mrs. B. J. Olson has been to Meadows camp to care for her daughter, Mrs. Gretta Wilson, who has been sick there.

W. H. Hart and H. G. Bennett are both done hauling timber.

The snow in this section is between six and seven feet in depth and more to come without doubt.

Bethel.

Last Sunday Mr. N. Springer of West Bethel supplied the pulpit at the M. E. church owing to the illness of the pastor.

Mrs. Bunting and children returned to their home in Groveton, N. H., last week.

Mr. A. F. Copeland is in Aroostook County on a business trip.

Mr. Young of West Paris died Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James H. Barrows, where he has been spending the winter. He leaves a widow, two sons, Mr. Frank Young and Mr. Bert Young, and a daughter, Mrs. Barrows, at whose home funeral services were held Friday afternoon and the remains were taken to West Paris for interment.

Wednesday evening Rev. Bates S. Rideout of Norway gave his lecture upon the Russian-Japanese War at the M. E. church under the auspices of the Epworth League. Mr. Rideout is an interesting speaker and with the aid of maps gave a clear history of affairs as they now stand.

Examinations were given at the academy Wednesday and Thursday and the term closed Thursday for a recess of two weeks. The spring term will open March 21.

Thursday evening the Bethel Athletic Association gave a masquerade ball. Some very pretty costumes were seen and Mrs. Walter Lawrence wore a costume which has taken a five dollar prize. It represented Poland Spring water and was indeed unique.

Cards announcing the marriage of Edward Russell Stanley of Bethel and Miss Esther Maud Bowker of Bryant's Pond, have been received. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Stanley will go to their new home on Chapman Street, Bethel. They have the good wishes of a host of friends.

Friday the prize speaking of Gould Academy was held in Odeon Hall. As ever the citizens showed their loyalty by attendance and were most pleasingly entertained with the following programme:

Selection, School Orchestra.
Invocation.
Selection, School Orchestra
The Trial of Abner Barrow, Anon
John Herbert Carter, Jr.
Old Mother Goose, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps
F. Lyle Blanchard.
Piano Duet, Elsie Hall and Bessie Goud.
Not Guilty, Anon
James Harold Young.
The Salvation of Madeline Bray, Charles Dickens
Mabel Winifred Gleason.
Selection, Girls' Chorus.
The Assault on Fort Wagner, Anna E. Dickinson
Thomas Fitzmaurice Vail.
Cigarette's Ride and Death, Ouida
Edith Grahame Cross.
Music, School Orchestra.
Award of Prizes.
Judges:
Prin. Merton A. Bryant, Gorham N. H.
Richard E. Gray, Esq., Casco, Me.
Miss Hazel Donham, Auburn, Me.

Miss Edith Grahame Cross was awarded the young lady's prize and John Herbert Carter, Jr., the young gentleman's prize. All of the participants deserve very much credit for all did especially well.

Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Mattie Estes and her brother, Herbert Cole, arrived at their old home the first of the week to visit their brother, who is in very feeble health.

Miss Laura Smith is visiting her grandmother Stephens and Aunt Annie Cole.

The V. I. S. sold suppers at the town hall Wednesday evening at 10 cents apiece. Eighty took supper. The society started a series of whist parties last week. The second one comes off Friday night.

Fremont Whitman has finished his labors for Ed Andrews, and is going to work for Leon Cushman.

E. Morse is working for Ed Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert York are moving from the rent over Andrews' store to Emily Felt's rent.

Mrs. Ossian Stanley and daughter Molly were at James Bowker's Wednesday.

Miss Alice Billings and nurse were in town Tuesday.

James Wright of Bethel was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Lesmore Currier and son Herbert are stopping at the hotel with Mr. Currier.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowker visited his parents Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilbon Perham have arrived home from Massachusetts.

Miss Annie Whitman of Haverhill, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Whitman.

Mrs. Florence Cushman is in Augusta and intends remaining until Mr. Cushman returns home.

Serg. Norman McAllister has served his three years' enlistment and is stopping with his mother, Mrs. Edwin Cole.

Stephen Rowe and daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Whitman, visited at Decatur Cross' at Locke's Mills Tuesday.

Mr. Arthur Bessey and Marion are visiting Mrs. Bessey's father, Moses Dow, at West Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Bryant visited at her sister's at Dixfield Saturday and Sunday.

Franklin Grange will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Saturday, March 11, by an all-day meeting. There will be a speaker from away and other exercises.

Evergreen Assembly, P. S., installed their officers Feb. 26.

Miss Myrtle Bacon of Portland and Walter Bacon of Norway have been stopping at H. C. Bacon's for a week.

Hebron.

The Bellevue Society gave their ninth annual banquet Monday evening.

The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. E. S. Dunham Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. G. Bowman and Miss Grace Bumpus went to Bath Tuesday to visit their aunt, Mrs. Morris Wing, who is very feeble.

Ira Bearce, Miss Maidie Moody and Miss Kate Merrill spent a few days in Buckfield this week with relatives.

Mrs. Lawry of Portland is stopping at Fred Sturtevant's for a few days.

Sunday, Feb. 26th, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Richardson went to Auburn to attend the funeral of Mr. Richardson's aunt, Mrs. Luther Atwood.

News has been received of the death of Mr. Mason Marshall of Boston. Mr. Marshall was a native of Hebron and came each year to visit relatives here. He was a brother of the late Mrs. Robert Glover and Mrs. S. D. Richardson.

Quite a good many apples are being hauled this week.

Oxford.

Mrs. Andrews, wife of Mr. Wallace Andrews, died Feb. 24, aged 61 years. Her funeral was held Sunday at her late residence, Rev. Mr. Newport officiating. She leaves a husband, a daughter and a son. Mrs. Andrews had been in feeble health for several years. She was much loved by all who knew her and her death is a severe blow to her family and friends.

Miss Bertha Phillips was elected department patriotic instructor of National W. R. C.

The high and grammar schools closed on Friday.

Samuel Eaton has moved into the upstairs rent of Dr. H. R. Farris' house.

F. B. Andrews went to West Auburn Wednesday to attend the funeral of Edward Shaw, formerly of Buckfield.

The Pythian Sisterhood hold a box sale and supper Saturday evening at Robinson Hall.

Orin Houghton of Lewiston visited his brother, George Houghton, last week.

Rev. Smith Baker's lecture has again been deferred on account of illness.

Charles Andrews lost a valuable horse Saturday, one of a span.

James Kay is able to ride a short distance.

The Congregational Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. C. S. Hayes Wednesday.

East Brownfield.

The Universalist Circle gave a town meeting dinner March 6th, and the Congregational Circle gave a supper on the same date.

At a recent "slave sale" supper the Universalist Circle received about twenty-five dollars.

Jacob Colby is still very low.

The grange held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. There were fifty-six present including several visitors. The first and second degrees were conferred on a candidate.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens' birthday, March 1, was appropriately observed at Mrs. Julia Bean's. There were twenty in attendance.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. met last Saturday.

Buckfield.

In the Boston Post of March 2 we note the death of Daniel Clark of Liberty. The family were formerly of this town, and are held in kindly remembrance by Buckfield people.

The remains of Edward H. Shaw, who died at his home at North Auburn at 87 years of age, arrived at this place Friday for interment. He was a native of this town, where he lived until about thirty years ago.

Jacob Briggs, an old gentleman, died at the town farm recently. He has been ill for some little time.

Schools closed Friday.

Dr. A. E. Cole's family have shared the ills of the season of sickness.

Mrs. Benj. Gerrish is much improved.

Mrs. O. E. Waite has a new organ and now we shall expect to hear great results from her Rhode Island Reds.

The mortuary record among the canine species Tuesday was unparalleled. The train ran over three dogs, and yet there are others.

Burt Hutchinson has moved on to his late purchase, the David Record farm.

Prof. Osler's suggestion of doing away with the threescore man might save the average man considerable trouble, but people in general do not seem to approve. It has created as much of a furore over the country as did Ex-Governor Long's temperance address here two years ago.

Carlton Gardner has been ill for some weeks with a catarrhal trouble, being confined to the house.

Thomas S. Bridgham and wife are quite ill, with Mr. B. somewhat improved.

Wm. Irish is quite ill at the present time. He being an octogenarian causes more anxiety.

Mrs. Rachel Turner, nearly 85, is very sick.

East Sumner.

Sumner's annual town report shows:

Balance in favor of town,	$1,135.48
Rate of taxation,	.02
Town valuation,	$254,717.00
Number of polls,	241
Not taxed,	18
Expended for schools,	$1,696.20
Expense of poor,	525.22

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births,	17
Marriages,	13
Deaths,	22

LIVE STOCK.

Horses,	326
Colts 3 to 4 years old,	7
Colts 2 to 3 years old,	11
Cows,	698
Oxen,	92
Sheep,	613

In 1841 the report showed as follows:

Horses,	187
Cows,	443
Oxen,	246
Sheep,	4227
Town valuation,	$192,619.00

Note the change in 63 years.

On Thursday, March 2d, occurred the funeral of John Ford of Hartford Centre. Age 72 years. Mr. Ford was well and favorably known by a large circle of friends and acquaintances as he had in years past been in stage and hotel business in the county in various places, and was faithful and obliging in those positions. For late years he has been in very poor health and for more than a year confined to his room. Before health failed he was a capable, industrious citizen, and much use to the public. He leaves a widow and two children.

East Waterford.

William Emery is very low. His son Will has come from Rumford Falls.

E. C. Hilton is tearing down a large shop on the place and building a hen house at the end of the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Rolfe and little Bernard arrived from Appleton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert C. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker, who were married not long since, had a wedding reception in Haskell's hall Feb. 24. They received quite a large number of presents. The time passed pleasantly with dancing and games. Refreshments were served.

East Hebron.

Our cold returned altogether too quickly. The warm days left as quickly as they came, and we still call for more of the same kind.

Mr. L. R. Hodsdon returned from his visit in Yarmouth with his mother, sister and two brothers last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Perkins of Waterville will visit her parents the present week, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hodsdon.

Mrs. Lemuel Greene returned to her home in Portland Saturday, having spent the week with her mother, Mrs. E. Allen. Her sister, Miss Lelia Davis, on the same day left for a week's visit in Canton with friends and last summer's pupils.

Solon Chase from Chase's Mills in Turner was unable to be present in East Hebron Grange to read his paper as appointed, on account of sickness.

Dea. R. P. Fuller and wife, and her sister, Miss Mary Warren, are not enjoying as good health as last winter. They are quite feeble.

Mrs. John Harper's father, Stillman Hersey, is very sick in his home in Turner. He has been a hard working man, and his recovery is very doubtful. Last week Dr. John Sturgis was called and he told him he thought he would recover, and that gave the sick man new courage.

Hazel DeCosta has gone to Auburn to work for Mr. G. Bean.

East Bethel.

Mr. Will Holt visited Auburn and Sabattus last week.

Mr. Payson Rich was recently in this place.

Mr. Wm. Bragg of New Hampshire canvasses this vicinity every month for the Union Tea Company.

Mr. Frank Knight recently lost a valuable work horse. It died very suddenly in the stall.

The grange supper served at J. H. Swan's last week received a generous patronage, as usual. A big team with a party of seventeen came from Rumford.

Norway Lake.

Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Bessie Delano, Mar. 8th.

Mothers' Club will meet with Mrs. George Frost, Mar. 14th.

Virgil Flood is visiting his brother, Eugene Flood, at Earmington, Me.

Mrs. C. A. Stephens is visiting her daughters in Philadelphia and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flood and Mrs. B. G. Barrows attended the Masons' supper Thursday evening.

Stanley-Bowker.

There was a very pretty home wedding at the home of Postmaster James L. Bowker at Bryant's Pond, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when his youngest daughter, Essie Maud, was united in marriage to Edward R. Stanley of Bethel, by Rev. David F. Nelson, pastor of the M. E. church of West Paris. The ring service was used.

The bride was charmingly gowned in white, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. After the service, and the couple had received the congratulations of those present, a wedding lunch was served in the dining room, presided over by the bride's mother.

This young couple are well known, the bride having taught school in several districts, also having assisted her father in the post office. They have a host of friends who wish for them the best success.

They left on the east-bound train amidst showers of rice for a wedding trip to Portland, Boston, and other places in Massachusetts. On their return they will reside in Bethel, where the groom is employed in one of the stores.

Herbert N. Shaw of West Cumberland was killed at a crossing in Falmouth on Sunday, Feb. 26, by a Maine Central train. A freight train was passing on the other track as he approached the crossing, and as soon as the freight was past he drove on without seeing the passenger train approaching in the opposite direction. He was unmarried.

A FAVORITE REMEDY FOR BABIES.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

John's Letter.

Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays were observed by Fessenden Post and citizens on the evening of the 28th—a later date than the correct ones, which was just as well. James Packard acted as chairman. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Mr. Athearn, followed by a song by Ellie Warren, with Josie Shaw at the organ. The chairman then introduced Rev. J. C. Prince, who read a very good paper on Washington. Then a fellow by the name of Irish recited Lincoln's favorite poem, "O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" Fred R. Dyer, Esq., was the next speaker. It either comes natural or Fred has formed the habit of talking to the point and stopping when he has finished. Some speakers keep right on spinning when the thread is played out. It was not so with the next speaker, Rev. Mr. Athearn, who took Lincoln for his subject and made it very interesting. The speaking was followed by a song by Charles Conant, Miss Shaw at the organ. Singing, America, and the meeting closed.

A Mr. Emerson of Gorham, Maine, has charge of the town farm the coming year, and has taken possession. Mr. Holland is at his home in the village.

Sister Kate is ill with the grippe, and the rest of the family have bad colds. Personally we have seen better days and have been stronger in body. We could hardly put up our two cords a day.

We have complied with the expressed wish of your Mountain District correspondent, and sent that old letter, and if she succeeds in giving a correct rendering of it into plain English, we shall suspect that she had spiritual help, assistance from the spheres. We confess to a gratified feeling at the pleasant words of commendation from her and our esteemed contemporary, as we have been accustomed to calling her, in regard to that little jingle that had been hidden in the dust of the years that we named.

Mrs. W., who was once little Miss Waldron, has stood by my knee many a time as I pointed out the letters to her. We see her now as she was then, roguish and without fear,—and the little ones had no reason to fear.

We are reasonably sure that we did not teach Miss B. her letters. And we are reasonably sure that we never met her. And we are reasonably sure that she may search the Scriptures and search creation through and she cannot find a substitute for the "risen Christ." There is none other name under Heaven nor among men that can take his place. The writer of Ecclesiastes, if it be Solomon as is supposed, would hardly be a pattern to copy—Solomon in all his glory and in all his shame. He was an "old Turk" a part of his life, and it was no wonder that he was subject to the blues on occasion. "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity!" Sol had been through the mill, had passed through the fire, but not with entire safety. His advice is better than his example, but that is no new thing under the sun.

JOHN.

Of Interest to Sportsmen and Vacationists.

Although some thousands of tourists flock to the deep woods and charming lakes of Northern Maine every year for their annual vacation, there is yet room in this great natural playground, nearly 15,000 square miles in extent, for many more thousands to hunt, and fish, and canoe, and have the outing time of their lives. It is with the idea of bringing the possible visitor into a more intimate knowledge of the wonderful vacation resources of Maine's immense north country that the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company is about to issue the eighth annual edition of its handsome great guide-book, "In the Maine Woods."

This book, which will be ready for distribution early in March, will present the vacation attractions of Northern Maine in a particularly comprehensive and entertaining manner. It will tell just where the famous fishing grounds are, where big moose and graceful deer abound, what canoe trips are best to take and how to take them, and much other information that is interesting to any reader and invaluable to any person who proposes to visit this vast recreation region. The book will have 192 pages, with cover and two full-page inserts printed in three colors, and over a hundred half-tone pictures, taken from actual photographs, illustrating the text. A large map, clearly printed, and showing the entire B. & A. region in detail, including the canoe routes, trails, camps, etc., will be bound with the book, and nothing will be left undone to make this forthcoming volume of even greater interest and value than any of its predecessors.

Ten cents in stamps sent now to pay postage will insure one of these handsome books being forwarded to your address as soon as the edition is off the press. Kindly specify "In the Maine Woods, Edition of 1905," and address your request to C. C. Brown, Gen'l Pass'r and Ticket agent, Bangor & Aroostook R. R., Bangor, Me.

Maine was represented at the inauguration of President Roosevelt on Saturday by Governor Cobb and a portion of his staff, and the Cleaves Rifles, Co. M, of Westbrook, who went as escort to the governor. Another representative of Maine of whom mention should not be omitted is "Bill" Sewall, the president's old guide.

STRIKES HIDDEN ROCKS.

When your ship of health strikes the hidden rocks of Consumption, Pneumonia, etc., you are lost, if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with Pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s, South Paris, West Paris. Price 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

Tuberculosis has been found in the herd of George L. Thomas of the South river road, Auburn. Thirteen cows have been killed and it is believed that all those affected have been disposed of. The disease developed in animals which came from another state with a clean bill of health.

THE COLONEL'S WATERLOO.

Colonel John M

The Oxford Democrat.

SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing December 4, 1904,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down (east)—5:36 A. M., (daily, Sundays included). 9:44 A. M., 4:04 P. M. Sunday only, 6:00 P. M.

Going up (west)—10:07 A. M., 3:25 P. M., 8:47 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 9:22 A. M.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 7:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. All not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev H. A. Clifford, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting 9:30 A. M.; preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting 6:15 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:25 P. M.; Prayer meeting 7 P. M.; Tuesday evening prayer service at 7:30. Seats free. All are welcome.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening service, 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Paris Lodge, No. 34. Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

O. E. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Relief Corps Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, from May 1 to Oct. 1, meets first and third Saturday; during the remainder of the year, meets every Saturday, in Grange Hall.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

K. of P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Pythian Hall.

Modern Woodmen of America.—South Paris Camp, No. 10267, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

Royal Arcanum.—Paris Council, No. 1621, meets first and third Monday evenings at 7:30.

SELF-CENTERED.

And he wondered what they'd say
When he died.
What the Press would write about him!
What his Friends would think about him!
What the World would do without him!
When he died.
But they didn't even know
When he died.
—(Life.

Village Corporation meeting Tuesday evening, at 7:30.

Albert Cash is moving to his new home on the Hebron road.

Mt. Mica Lodge will have work in the first degree next Thursday evening.

Mrs. S. C. Heald of East Sumner is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Albert D. Park.

George Erskine of Northfield, Mass., has been a guest at J. F. McArdle's for a few days.

Proxies for telephone companies or other corporations, 10 cents per dozen at the Democrat office.

The Seneca Club is making arrangements for a reception to be given May 1st in Pythian Hall.

Wallace Clifford, after a few days' vacation at his home, returned last Monday to his studies at Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bonney of Sumner were guests at J. D. Haynes' for a few days last week.

The senior class of Paris High School will present the play entitled, "A Soldier of Fortune," on the 14th of April.

Miss Olive M. Stuart has gone to Boston after spring millinery. She will stop in Portland for a while on her way home.

The senior class, Paris High School, will give a masked sociable in New Hall Friday evening, March 10, at 7:45. Admission 15 cents.

A ladies' fur was left in New Hall at the Good Cheer bazaar. The owner will find the same by calling at the residence of Rev. J. H. Little.

Mrs. E. A. Howe started for Boston Monday morning to buy her spring stock of millinery. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

Master Henry Howe gave a party to twenty-seven of his young friends Saturday evening, and a lively time was enjoyed. Nuts and candy were served.

The dancing party at Norway Friday evening was attended by several couples from this village. It is reported as a very brilliant social affair, and very enjoyable.

The season has opened. The mitts are out, and the small boys are "knocking flies" in the street. A trifle early, but it takes strenuous weather to suppress the great American game.

Mrs. Hilton entertained the Seneca Club last Monday. A delicious supper, consisting of chicken, cold meats, hot biscuits, salad, cake, etc., was served at 7:15 P. M., then the usual programme was carried out and a most delightful evening spent.

Probate Court was not held according to adjournment last Tuesday. Judge Herrick was improved and had intended to preside himself, but at midnight Monday night he was again taken ill and was unable to attend. The business will now go over until the regular March term.

The invitations are issued for the fourth of the Schubert Quartette musicales, which will be with Mrs. G. I. Burnham Thursday evening, March 9. The quartette will be assisted by Mrs. Cora S. Briggs, Carl Briggs, Mrs. B. F. Bradbury, Mrs. H. A. Clifford, and Carl Jean Tolman.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haskell have moved their household goods to Buckfield, where they will be with Mrs. Haskell's parents. Mrs. Haskell has also gone, but Mr. Haskell remains here for the present. When the weather gets suitable, he will be employed in carpenter work at Buckfield.

Harry M. Wheeler of this place, who is president of the Harvard Republican Club, attended the inauguration of President Roosevelt with the Harvard delegation. A hundred men from Harvard—which, as every one knows, is the president's *alma mater*,—headed the college division of the inaugural parade.

State Master Obadiah Gardner of the State Grange was in attendance at the all-day meeting of Paris Grange on Saturday, though owing to the train being two hours late, he did not arrive until noon. At the afternoon meeting he addressed the grange. He was in his happiest mood, and made the meeting pleasant and profitable for all present.

In the list of incorporators of the State of Maine Club in Boston are the names of Judge Solomon A. Bolster, formerly of Paris and well known here, and Hon. Prentiss Cummings, who now has a summer home at Paris Hill. Mr. Cummings is a former president of the Pine Tree State Club of Boston, which is to be merged in the State of Maine Club.

A most delightful afternoon was spent by the ladies of the M. E. church last Tuesday when they were entertained in the church parlor by Mrs. Ordway and Mrs. Farnum, the president and vice-president of the Ladies' Aid. Games, music and a reading by Mrs. Clifford made the afternoon pass all too soon. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and fancy crackers.

The March term of Supreme Judicial Court opens Tuesday of next week, March 14, with Judge Wm. P. Whitehouse of Augusta presiding. The grand jury empaneled in October will be in attendance. Traverse jurors, so far as yet returned, will be as follows:

Joseph H. Abbott, Andover.
Charles B. Allen, Norway.
Charles M. Andrews, Oxford.
Dana A. Brown, Brownfield.
L. H. Burnham, Albany.
A. M. Chase, Woodstock.
Chas. O. Edgerly, Porter.
Herman L. Horne, Norway.
Jesse C. Howe, Paris.
Ira C. Jordan, Bethel.
Benj. W. Kimball, Bethel.
D. B. Perry, Hebron.
Almon P. Pingree, Denmark.
Phlvtus W. Torrey, Dixfield.
O. F. Trask, Mexico.
Roscoe Tusii, Paris
Walter A. Turner, Buckfield.
Geo. H. Walker, Fryeburg.

Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., will work the first rank next Friday evening.

There will be a cottage prayer meeting this evening at Mr. John Small's.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped me to get the quilt at the bazaar. A. M. DOUGLASS.

The trustees of the Methodist church will meet this evening at the office of Dr. C. L. Buck to consult about the bell.

Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge of Norway will visit Mt. Pleasant Lodge Friday evening of this week and confer the degree.

The sermon announced for Thursday evening at the Methodist vestry is postponed to some date agreeable to Rev. C. A. Brooks.

A religious service was held at the jail yesterday led by Mrs. H. A. Clifford. Such services will be held every other Sunday at 3 P. M.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the Universalist parish this Monday evening at 7:30 to hear the report of the committee on music.

The grippe has had a number of victims in our village, and among these have been Mr. E. F. Clason, Mr. Herbert Ayer and Rev. H. A. Clifford.

A chimney at Judge Wilson's burned out Thursday night about dark, and the roof caught, but as they were watching it no considerable damage was done.

Mrs. Persis D. Swan, District Deputy Grand Warden of the N. E. O. P., made an official visit to Androscoggin Lodge, No. 205, of Mechanic Falls, Saturday evening, Mar. 4.

A souvenir supper will be given at the Baptist church Wednesday evening, March 15, followed by a concert. Admission 25 cents for supper and concert; concert 10 cents.

There will be a business meeting of the Young People's Christian Union at the ladies' parlor of the Universalist church Wednesday, at 4 P. M. All members are requested to be present.

All members of Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, New England Order of Protection, are requested to be present at their next regular meeting, Wednesday evening, March 8th. Business of importance is to come before the order. After the meeting a social hour.

There will be an exodus from this town to Oxford this Monday evening. Quite a party of the citizens with their wives are planning to take a ride to the Lake View House at Oxford, and have a 7 o'clock dinner and a general good time there. It is expected that about forty will go.

The annual children's meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the M. E. vestry Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All schools in the village except the high school will close at that time. Parents and teachers are especially requested to come and urged to see to it that pupils and children are present.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold a five-cent social at their vestry Monday evening, March 13th. A special programme of games will be arranged for the young people and it is hoped that a goodly company of the older ones will also be present to enjoy a social time together. All are most cordially invited. Please note the change of date.

Talk about a "dry" town! If South Paris didn't feel dry Sunday, then we don't know what the term means. In the first place, the engine at the light station played out about 6 o'clock Saturday night, and off went the lights and the car until the next morning. Meanwhile, as the water company had no electric power for pumping, the heavy drain which present conditions are making ran the water down in the reservoir, and about 9 o'clock Sunday morning the pipes were shut off to fill the reservoir again. Through the day and until about dark, no water ran in the Norway system, except a little trickling stream at some of the lowest faucets. The water was shut off at just about the time that the frozen-up contingent, numbering about half our citizens, were starting out after their daily supply of liquid, and for a while the streets were full of men with pails, tubs and boilers, seeking for water but finding all fountains dry. It was about the dryest spell that this village ever saw, and there was great relief all around when the water came on again at night.

The preliminary prize contest in essays and readings occurred at the high school upon three afternoons of last week. It included every student—the seniors and juniors in essays and the two lower classes in readings. The work as a whole was excellent and reflected much credit upon pupils and teachers. The judges were Rev. Mr. Chesbro and Mrs. Cora Knight Clifford. The twelve students passed over for the final contest are: Ray Chapman, Sara Swett, Helen Chapman, with honorable mention of Winslow Burbank, Merton Millett, Ethel Crockett, Albert Littlehale, Louis Keene, seniors; Carrie Clifford, Mae Field, Merton Sumner, with honorable mention of May Bennett, Robert Wheeler, Edna Easson, juniors; Myron Farnum, Rizpah Morton, Helen Porter, with honorable mention of Nettie Mason, Fanny Bisbee, Edgar Barrett, sophomores; Gladys Bonney, Rose Murphy, Eva Swett, with honorable mention of May Davis, Leona Stuart, Ruth Pratt, Josephine Waldron, Clyde Hebbard, Earl Bennett, freshmen. The final contest for two cash prizes will occur a week from Friday night and should receive the enthusiastic patronage of the entire community.

BOLSTER DISTRICT.

Lois Lapham is keeping house for Chas. Swett.

John Small has gone to Farmington on a business trip.

Oscar Parsons is hauling pine timber to Kenney's mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gowell were at Welchville last Thursday.

Miss Ina Penley recently spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Turner.

Mrs. Albert Ryerson and Irwin Lapham were guests at Mr. Gowell's last Sunday.

The members of Fairview Water Company are rejoicing that they have a good supply of water.

Miss Alice Morey, who has been working for Mrs. Frank Witham, was obliged to return to her home on account of sickness.

Miss Eva Swett and Miss Carrie Clifford were each chosen from their classes to recite at the high school prize contest on March 17th.

Mrs. Sarah Cummings is in Buckfield at Leslie Cummings' caring for her little grandson Philip who is very sick with stomach trouble.

Mr. Libby, who is working for Mrs. Ethel Thayer, is carrying the cream in this place to Portland creamery and to Turner creamery.

Mrs. Arthur Talbot and Mrs. Walter Swett attended the fiftieth anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford, last Thursday.

Ernest King and Lester Parker have been working for James Clark. Mr. King has a phonograph and pleasantly entertained some of the people in this place one evening last week at Mr. Clark's home.

Mrs. Frank Witham has been confined to her home for several weeks with heart trouble. Dr. Littlefield is attending her. Mr. Witham seems to have more than his share of sickness in his family as three of his sons are suffering with tonsilitis and his son Kenneth has not yet recovered from a wounded foot.

KING DISTRICT.

Chas. Kimball went to the barn one morning recently and found one of his best shoats dead. The cause is not known.

A. B. Canwell and Mrs. Nellie Thibodeau are sick with the grippe. Fred and Eva Allen are helping them while they are sick.

Vanceboro has lost its only minister and its only shoemaker, this winter, and there is a hard outlook for both the souls and soles of the border town.

Annual Town Meeting in Paris.

A LONG AND STORMY SESSION.—NO SEWER EXTENSION.—APPROPRIATIONS PRETTY CLOSELY PARED.

The annual town meeting in Paris adjourned at 4:10 Monday afternoon, after a session, including a short recess, six hours in length, and filled with interminable discussions, sometimes getting rather bitter, and at all times ranging over a wide variety of subjects, very little or not at all related to the matter under consideration.

The annual town meeting day opened bright and clear, and the citizens of Paris began to assemble early, though there was not a large crowd in the hall at the hour of opening.

Town Clerk Wheeler called the meeting to order promptly on time, and Hon. James S. Wright was elected moderator, receiving all the votes cast.

Under the question of accepting the report of the selectmen and school board, H. G. Brown of West Paris had various criticisms to make of things shown in the report, and several items of expenditure as shown were discussed by him, the moderator, and Mr. Maxim, the chairman of the selectmen. Mr. Brown's criticisms were especially directed against the paying of certain bills from the miscellaneous appropriation which he said belonged under other appropriations. Some questions were also asked by George H. Bean, and three-quarters of an hour was used up in this discussion, it being nearly 11 o'clock when a vote to accept the reports was finally passed.

The reports of the Crocker and Bray funds were read and accepted.

The ballot for town officers resulted as follows:

Town clerk:

Whole number of votes,	116
Necessary to a choice,	59
William J Wheeler,	115

First selectman:

Whole number of votes,	265
Necessary to a choice,	133
Franklin Maxim,	131
Charles W. Bowker,	107
Jesse C. Howe,	27

No choice. Second ballot:

Whole number of votes,	358
Necessary to a choice,	170
Jesse C. Howe,	183
Franklin Maxim,	91
Charles W. Bowker,	82

Ballot for second selectman:

Whole number of votes,	194
Necessary to a choice,	98
Henry D. Hammond,	191
Charles W. Bowker,	3

Ballot for third selectman:

Whole number of votes,	298
Necessary to a choice,	150
Charles W. Bowker,	169
Franklin Maxim,	122
Henry D. Hammond,	6
Windell S. Starbird,	1

The selectmen as chosen were chosen assessors and overseers of the poor, on a single ballot.

For treasurer Frank A. Shurtleff received all the votes cast, 60.

At this point the meeting adjourned for dinner to 12:45.

After dinner the election of officers was proceeded with.

For member of school committee, Horatio Woodbury was unanimously re-elected.

For collector of taxes Alfred H. Jackson received all the votes cast, 54.

The compensation of the collector was fixed at 1 1-2 per cent.

A motion was made to elect a road commissioner, but was lost, and the care of the roads is left with the selectmen.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Free High School,	$1,500 00
Common schools,	3,000 00
School books,	500 00
School repairs,	500 00
School house insurance, apparatus, etc.,	200 00
Poor and Insane,	2,700 00
Town officers' bills,	1,500 00
Snow bills of present winter,	2,000 00
Roads and bridges,	3,000 00
Town debt and interest,	2,000 00
Miscellaneous bills,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	40 00
State road,	200 00

The high school appropriation called out a half hour's discussion, and a poll of the house was finally taken, resulting in a vote of 136 in favor of $1500 to 130 opposed.

After the vote on the high school appropriation, a motion was made to take up the article relating to the South Paris sewer, and it was done. N. D. Bolster then moved to raise $1000 to extend the sewer, and made remarks in support of his motion.

E. E. Field spoke in opposition to extending the sewer.

J. H. Bean related the experience of Bethel, where the town built a sewer in the village, which would eventually be paid for by the individual tappers.

H. G. Brown asserted that the sewer had not been legally located, and spoke further in opposition to making a sewer appropriation.

Mr. Wright took the floor, and explained the sanitary conditions around the Square in South Paris village, and the necessity of carrying off the surface water.

Mr. Brown spoke further in opposition to the sewer.

There was a few minutes' more discussion and a vote taken by ayes and noes seemed to show that the motion was lost. A show of hands confirmed this vote, no count being necessary.

A motion was then made to raise $500 for the sewer, but this was also defeated, and the article was passed over.

The article relating to a sewer on Paris Hill was passed over without discussion.

A return was then made to the list of appropriations, and nearly every item of it called out further debate, at more or less length. The matter of school books called out a discussion which was carried pretty close to the line of personalities.

Voted to expend the $100 paid by the state, on the state road.

Passed over the article relating to selling the Bolster District school house.

Noted to charge interest on taxes of 1905 after Jan. 1, 1906.

Voted to allow discounts on taxes of 1905—3 per cent before June 1st, 2 per cent before Aug. 1st, and 1 per cent before Nov. 1st.

Voted to instruct the school committee to maintain schools in the Biscoe, Forbes, Partridge, Whittemore and Tubbs districts, and not to maintain schools in the Snow's Falls, Hall, and Bolster districts.

Passed over the article relating to taking care of the surface water on Western Avenue.

Voted the moderator $3.00 for his services.

The South Paris Lighting Bill.

TWO REPORTS, MAJORITY IN OPPOSITION.—HOUSE WILL VOTE ON IT THURSDAY.

In the house of representatives at Augusta Thursday, two reports were presented from the legal affairs committee on the bill to enable the South Paris Village Corporation to establish a municipal lighting plant. The majority report, "Ought not to pass," is signed by Messrs. Staples, Baxter, Mills, Reed, Tracy and Weatherbee of the committee, and the minority report, "Ought to pass," by Messrs. Pierce, Oakes, Holmes, and Gray. On motion of Mr. Gray the bill was tabled for printing, and was assigned to Thursday of this week for consideration in the house.

Golden Wedding.

Friday afternoon, March 3d, about forty of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clifford called at their home and congratulated them on their golden wedding day. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, and will always be remembered with a great deal of pleasure and gratitude, not only for the substantial gifts and large sum of money received, but for the kindness and good will shown.

One gift was a bouquet of fifty beautiful pink and white carnations, a fitting tribute to fifty years of married life, such as this worthy couple have lived.

Hot cocoa, fruit punch, fancy crackers, and cake were served by Mrs. A. B. Talbot, Mrs. W. H. Swett, and Mrs. W. K. Clifford.

Town Farm House Burned.

The house on the Paris town farm was burned Monday afternoon. Insurance $1200.

An Artistic and Financial Success.

THE GOOD CHEER BAZAAR ADDS ANOTHER PROFITABLE FAIR TO THE LIST.

With undimished enthusiasm the ladies of the Universalist Good Cheer Society took hold to make their bazaar of last Wednesday and Thursday such a success as would entitle it to rank with the former annual fairs of the society, and the results accomplished fully justified the endeavors put forth.

The bazaar was held in New Hall, the walls and ceiling of which were nearly concealed from view by the draperies and booths which entirely transformed the appearance of the room. From the centre of the ceiling white bunting was artistically draped in all directions. The fancy work booth was erected in the middle of the hall, and the other booths were arranged along the sides. All were made of white, adorned, as were all the draperies, with twigs of evergreen and poppies of a vivid red in great numbers. The whole effect was bright and fetching, and was particularly striking by reason of the artistic arrangement of it all.

Besides the fancy work booth, which, as stated, was in the middle of the hall, there were around the hall a food booth, where ice cream and a variety of other articles of food were on sale; an apron booth; a handkerchief booth; an art booth, with a number of fine paintings and other articles; a household booth, where anything from a roast of beef to a bootjack could be obtained; a stand where copies of the Woman's Home Companion were sold and subscriptions taken; a booth where delicious homemade candy was sold; and a booth where fruit punch and fancy crackers were served free of charge to all.

In a corner near the stage, within a well-designed elephant house, stood Rajah, the elephant, with his head and trunk projecting, seeking for nickels for which he gave in exchange whatever his trunk got hold of from the stock within.

The hall was well filled with people Wednesday afternoon. At 6:30 a supper was served at Good Cheer Hall to about 200 people, after which all returned to New Hall, which was packed throughout the evening. An orchestra composed of a number of local players, with Messrs. Stearns and Norsworthy of Norway, played a number of selections during the evening, and the bell drill, which was given by a number of girls at a recent entertainment, was repeated, much to the pleasure of the audience.

The sale continued quite brisk during the larger part of Thursday afternoon, until it became necessary to clear the room in preparation for the play in the evening. Only the booths were removed, the draperies being left, thus adding much to the appearance of the hall.

Hazel Adams, a three-act drama, was presented Thursday evening to close the bazaar, with the following cast:

John Adams, a rich southerner, ... A. D. Park.
Basil Northcote, a villain in search of a fortune, ... A. C. Tubbs.
John Easterbrook, George Beatty, Hazel's lover and a detective, ... Harold T. Thayer.
Joe, a colored loafer, hunting with "I don't think," ..... Fred E. Hall.
Moze, a bootblack and friend of Joe's, ... Harold C Fletcher.
Mrs. Adams, John Adams' wife, ... Mrs J. J. Emeley
Hazel Adams, the adopted daughter, ... Miss Iva McArdle.
Chloe, colored servant of the family, ... Mrs. J. S. Burbank.
Prompter, ... Mrs. A. D. Park.

The play is a little overstrained in the direction of melodrama, but is nevertheless full of interest and well sustained from start to finish. It was well cast, and there was not a weak spot in the list, all the players maintaining their reputations and winning new laurels.

There was an audience which filled the hall to the limit of its capacity.

The same orchestra which played Wednesday evening was in attendance, and between acts there were a charming song and dance, "The Bobolink's Fancy Ball," by Miss Marjorie Barker and Master Merton Tower of Norway, and a taking trick banjo solo by Al Barrows of Sumner, who responded to two encores.

Announcements of the winners in several contests were made during the evening. The chair went to Mrs. Charles R. Dunham; the rug to Mrs. E. N. Anderson; the barrel of flour to Mrs. Rose Needham of Norway. The quilt voted to the most popular "bachelor maid" went to Miss Maud Douglass.

From a financial standpoint the bazaar exceeds expectations, and ranks well with the preceding successful fairs of the society. The total receipts from all sources were something over $500, and the net proceeds will be over $400.

PROPER TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA.

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Says the Higgins Hill correspondent of the Fort Fairfield Review: "One of the men who breaks the roads here says that last Sunday morning one of his friends called him up and told him if he didn't break out the roads he would complain of him to the selectmen. So he started out, only to be informed by another neighbor that, if he drove his snow-plow over the road Sunday, he would prosecute him.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam." For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

The town of Bowdoinham has appointed a committee to see what can be done in the way of raising funds to erect a soldiers' monument. The town has lately been presented by the war department with one of the old cannon from Fort Popham, and it is planned to erect it on a granite base as a memorial to the Bowdoinham soldiers who served in the Civil War.

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway; Jones Drug Store, Oxford.

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Town Elections.

PARIS.

Moderator—James S. Wright.
Clerk—William J. Wheeler.
Selectmen—Jesse C. Howe, Henry D. Hammond, Charles W. Bowker.
Treasurer—Frank A. Shurtleff.
Collector—Alfred H. Jackson.
S. S. Committee—Horatio Woodbury.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., Sunday Evening, 6:30 P. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening.

Universalist Church, Rev. S. G. Davis, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. Sabbath School, 12:00; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Methodist Church, Rev. C. A. Brooks, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M., prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting Friday evening. Epworth League, Sunday evening, 6:00 P. M.

Baptist Church, Rev. E. S. Cotton, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Prayer Meeting, Sunday evening 7 P. M., Wednesday evening, 7:30.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Friday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 29, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, after full moon. Oxford Lodge, No. 1, Ark Mariners, Wednesday evening after full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Norway Lodge.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Willey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

R. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month. Lake Assembly, No. 33, P. S., second and fourth Friday evenings of each month.

P. of H.—Norway Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Grange Hall.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54 meets in New G. A. R. Hall on the first Tuesday Evening of each month.

W. R. C.—Meets in New G. A. R. Hall, Monday evening.

K. of P.—Lake Side Lodge, No 177, meets in New G. A. R. Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month

O. U. A. M.—Norway and South Paris Council, No. 10, meets at G. A. R. Hall every Tuesday evening.

U. O. P. F.—Elm Tree Colony, No. 199 meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

U. O. G. C.—Norway Commandery, No. 247, meets second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month

K. G. E.—Oxford Castle, No. 2, meets in Ryerson hall, every Thursday evening, September to May, first and third Thursday evenings, May to September.

Col. L. H. Kendall, of the First Regiment, N. G. S. M., is soon to inspect Co. D of his regiment. Capt. Nash has the company well in hand and will pass an excellent inspection.

Mrs. L. M. Lunt is visiting for a week or ten days with her people at Farmington.

Road Commissioner L. I. Gilbert sanded the walks on Main Street one day this week. The streets for some time have been very slippery indeed.

Stephen Ethridge, the first and only mail carrier on Route No. 2, from the Norway office since the service was instituted, has resigned. The vacancy will be filled by the appointment of Fred H. Perry with his father, W. O. Perry, as substitute, on April 1, '05.

The Veranda Club hold a family supper at G. A. R. Hall Thursday evening, the 9th. The regular meeting will be held with Mrs. Sarah Devine

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn H. Cushman have commenced housekeeping at their new home on Marston Street. Owing to the sickness of Mrs. Cushman's mother and sister they have been with Mr. and Mrs. Nevers.

On February 22, Mrs. George Herrick entertained her sisters, Mrs. Charles S. Penley and Mrs. Ira Moulton, and her brother, Bradley Frost, at her home on Maple Street. The family gathering was the only one for seventeen years and was a most delightful meeting.

Geo. W. Cheney is recovering from his long sickness and is again upon the streets from time to time. Although weak he is fast recovering strength.

Rev. S. G. Davis has been engaged by Harry Rust Post, No. 54, to deliver the Memorial Day address in Norway.

Hon. Joseph F. Stearns of Lovell died at his daughter's, Mrs. Herman L. Bartlett's, on Monday afternoon. Services were held at Norway by Rev. B. S. Rideout, when the remains were taken to Lovell, where the funeral was held Thursday afternoon. Mr. Stearns was one of Oxford County's most highly esteemed citizens, and will be greatly missed in Lovell and throughout the county.

While at work at the steam mill at the Falls John M. Bumpus was seriously injured by a frightened horse. He was cut in the face by the rearing beast and otherwise injured. His wounds were at once dressed and he is as comfortable as can be expected at present.

Joseph Durbin, who broke his leg while at work at the corn shop last fall, is able to be out of the house.

The special services at the Baptist church in which Rev. E. A. Davis of Lewiston and Rev. E. O. Taylor of Paris are assisting Rev. Mr. Cotton are of unusual interest.

Mrs. Minnie E. Buck, wife of S. Norman Buck, died of pneumonia at her home on Deering Street Friday, Feb. 24, after a short sickness, at the age of 34. Mrs. Buck was the daughter of Charles C. Crosby of this village. She was married to Mr. Buck about four years ago and leaves two children, sons, aged three years and six months. Funeral services were held at her late residence by Rev. S. G. Davis, pastor of the Universalist church, in which she held membership.

Miss Eda Frost is visiting her sister Alice at Dexter for a short time.

During the absence of Clarence DeCosta from J. O. Crooker's store Thaddeus Cross has been working for Mr. Crooker.

Mrs. A. T. Bennett received a wire informing her of the death of her brother, Dr. Will Moore, of Cripple Creek, Col., this week. Dr. and Mrs. Moore were for some time engaged in business in Norway. Mrs. Moore died some years ago.

Agnes Sanborn, teaching in Portland, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sanborn, at the falls.

Charles B. Allen and Herman L. Horne will serve as traverse jurors at the March term of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Dr. DeWitt Parmenter has opened an office as oculist and optician at Merrill's studio room on Main Street.

Annual ladies' night at Oxford Lodge, No. 18, F. and A. M., Thursday evening was a great success socially. About one hundred and seventy attended and were entertained by readings by Mrs. Moulton of Boston in a most pleasing manner. The company then repaired to the banquet hall below where a most bountiful repast was awaiting them. W. M., Charles P. Barnes, as toastmaster, introduced several speakers in his most interesting way. After the speaking the company returned to the hall for a social hour before returning to their homes.

The members of the Board of Trade are interesting themselves in securing a telegraph office for Norway. The authorities have been in town, an operator secured, and all that remains to be done is to secure an office for the business. The operator formerly was the librarian of the public library and occupied that place for an office. There is talk of again establishing the business there.

Mrs. Fred E. Drake acting as Grand Chancellor and Mrs. A. L. Cook acting as Grand Prelate went to Stoneham, Saturday evening and installed the officers of the K. of P. Sisterhood and returned after the services.

Mrs. F. E. Drake, after two weeks' stay in Boston and New York at the millinery openings, will open parlors over F. P. Stone's drug store on Main Street, where she will be pleased to meet her old patrons with their friends.

The invitation party at the Opera House, Friday evening given by Miss Lotta Richardson, Miss Winnifred Hayes and Miss Marguerite Finney, matrons, Mrs. Charles L. Hathaway, Mrs. Charles F. Ridlon, Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. Bial F. Bradbury, Mrs. Fred E. Drake and Mrs. Charles Sargent, was a great social success. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the music by Stearns' Orchestra was of the very best. Card tables were provided for those who did not care for the round dances. At intermission refreshments of ice cream and cakes were served. The programme was principally round dances, but several extra plain dances were added for the benefit of the silver grays present. Some seventy-five couples were on the floor in the march. The party broke up at 2 o'clock, with the pleasure of knowing that the best dancing party in Norway for a long time had just taken place.

R. B. Hall, the well known cornet soloist, band leader and composer, suffered a paralytic shock at his home in Waterville Thursday night. The physicians consider his condition as serious, but expect recovery.

To Mothers in This Town.

Children who are delicate, feverish and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, making a sickly child strong and healthy. A certain cure for worms. Sold by all druggists, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Born.

In Brownfield, Feb. 27, to the wife A. G. Cram a daughter.

In Oxford, Feb. 28, to the wife of James Dunbar, a son

In Brownfield, to the wife of Byron Bradeen, a daughter.

In East Sweden, Feb. 23, to the wife of L. G. Adams, a daughter.

In Norway, Feb. 18, to the wife of Percy Smith, a son, Albert Roy.

In Brownfield, Feb., to the wife of George Lord, a son, Dwight Sidney.

Married.

In Bryant's Pond, March 1, by Rev. D. F. Nelson, Mr. Edward R. Stanley of Bethel and Miss Essie M. Bowker of Bryant's Pond.

Died.

In Norway, Feb. 27, Hon. Joseph F. Stearns of Lovell, aged 63 years.

In Oxford, Feb. 15, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mayberry.

In Rumford Falls, Feb. 26, John Sylvester, aged about 59 years.

In Oxford, Feb. 24, Mrs. Wallace Andrews, aged 61 years.

In Mexico, Feb., Mrs. Wallace Babb.

In Norway, Feb. 24, Mrs. Minnie (Crosby) Buck, aged 34 years, 2 months, 26 days.

In Yarmouthville, Feb. 16, George L. Jackson, aged 39 years.

In Boston, Mass., Feb. 18, Wilson W. Lawrence, formerly of Albany, aged about 41 years.

In Gilead, Feb. 26, B. S. Burbank.

In South Waterford, Feb 25, Joseph Adams.

In Rumford, Feb. 28, Henry M. Colby, aged 65 years, 7 months, 4 days.

In Bethel, Mar. 1, Francis A. Young, aged 77 years.

In Buckfield, Feb., Jacob Briggs.

In Avon, Mass., Feb. 25, Mrs. Catherine Young Kimball, wife of the late Moses S. Kimball, aged 80 years, 4 months.

In Hartford, Feb., John Ford, aged 72 years.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 477.—Triangle.

1. A noted author. 2. To be fixed in. 3. Appearance. 4. For fear that. 5. Anger. 6. A negative adverb. 7. A letter in triangle.

No. 478.—Suffix Puzzle.

The third word is formed by joining the suffix of the first and second words. Example: Hu-man, sin-ner—manner.

1. From to rescue and style form an angle.
2. From a yellowish cotton cloth and single form sharply.
3. From moisture and prolix form sullenly.

No. 479.—The Master Rogue.

Find the name of the master rogue in inordinate desire, particularly of wealth.

No. 480.—Changed Initials.

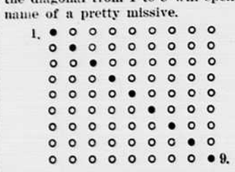
There was an old man who would —
Whenever the thunder did —,
Very close to the road,
In his — abode,
Which he fears round his ears will soon —.

He was clever at reckonings —,
As potatoes at so much a —,
And the farms could inspect
And the — collect,
But he never could quite sound a —.

There was a young student at —,
Whose figure was quite like a —,
But it well — been said
That a lad with a head
May mark out for others a —.

No. 481.—Diagonal.

When the words are rightly guessed the diagonal from 1 to 9 will spell the name of a pretty missive.



1. The same as the diagonal. 2. A devotee of Bacchus. 3. Belonging to allegory. 4. To relieve. 5. According to canons. 6. Benefit. 7. A sacred song of praise. 8. One who appeals. 9. To make thin or slender.

No. 482.—Illustrated Words.

1. A word indicating time without end.
2. By word of mouth.

No. 483.—Anagram Verse.

Among a lot of merry hearts
I sought a valentine,
And READ NO RO'E I asked myself
On whom my choice should fall,
But found SALT TA I could not choose
Because I ED VOL them all.
And SO MY EARS THE TWES for a year
At least will number more
Than AT NONE, I'm very sure,
Has ever had before.

No. 484.—Jumbled States.

Inncowiss. Davane. Sismiour. Elnam. Seescennt.

Her One Comfort.

The maid of France was reviewing the situation.

"At least there's one comfort," she remarked. "I am not 'made in Germany.'"

With this patriotic thought to uphold her, she nerved herself for the ordeal.—New York Tribune.

A Query.

Miss Oletimer—You would hardly believe it, but I have seen but twenty birthdays.

Miss Newbudd (concernedly)—Indeed! And what was the cause of your early blindness?—Evening Telegram.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 468.—Diamond: 1. R. 2. Cow. 3. Brown. 4. Crossed. 5. Roosevelt. 6. Clovers. 7. Green. 8. Elk. 9. T.

No. 469.—Illustrated Central Across Ic: Centrals—Byron. Crosswords—1. Gable. 2. Egypt. 3. Purse. 4. Crown. 5. Panel.

No. 470.—Triple Riddlemeree: Madison, Trenton, Santa Fe.

No. 471.—Endless Chain: 1. Tear. 2. Arab. 3. Abel. 4. Elbe. 5. Bean. 6. Anti. 7. Tire. 8. Real. 9. Also. 10. Soar. 11. Arno. 12. Note. 13. Tear.

No. 472.—A Letter Puzzle: Tare, stare, Pace, space.

No. 473.—Double Acrostic: Primals—Irving. Finals—Lowell. Crosswords—1. Idol. 2. Reno. 3. View. 4. Idle. 5. Nall. 6. Gill.

No. 474.—Beheadings: G-lass. G-low.

No. 475.—Concealed Word Square: 1. Mayor. 2. Above. 3. Yokes. 4. Overt. 5. Rests.

No. 476.—Deletions: Moose, Mose. Grain, grin. House, hose. Haste, hate. Harsh, hash.

If you cannot eat, sleep or work, feel mean, cross or ugly, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea this month. A tonic for the sick. There is no remedy equal to it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.; Orin Stevens.

"They say Miss Highstepper is going to marry an army officer."

"Well, I should think that a man who makes a business of war might be able to get along with her."

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Mrs. Cheery—You should always make light of your troubles, dear.

Mr. Cheery—I do. Whenever a shopkeeper sends me a bill I burn it.

RAW OR INFLAMED LUNGS

Yield quickly to the wonderful curative and healing qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. It prevents pneumonia and consumption from a hard cold settled on the lungs. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"She said she'd be angry last night if I kissed her."

"Well?"

"Well, I might just as well have done it, for she seemed to be angry about something anyhow."

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

Some New Dishes with Eggs.

Eggs are generally supposed to be as digestible cooked in one way as another, but the truth is that there is a considerable difference. To test the difference between a fried egg and a poached egg we placed one of each style of cooking in a tumbler and poured artificial gastric juice over them. After three days had passed the fried egg was not nearly digested, and it took less than half the time for the poached egg to digest.

The yolks should be beaten until they are thick and lemon-colored, and the addition of a tablespoonful of cold water will make them light and foamy. Beat the whites till so stiff and dry that they fly from the beater like foam.

In making an omelet, always use hot water; it makes it far more tender than milk. The right quantity to allow for each egg used is a tablespoonful of liquid.

After the eggs are beaten separately with the amount of liquid added to the yolks for an omelet, cut and fold in the whites. Have the pan well covered with butter to prevent the mixture sticking. Spread the omelet out evenly with a shake of the pan, and set it on a part of the stove where it will cook slowly. While it is still soft on top begin to fold in the middle, using for the purpose a limber, broad-bladed palette knife to turn it over. The inside will be a fine, puffy, creamy mass; the top and bottom, the delicately browned surface which rested on the bottom of the pan. It should be turned out carefully on a hot platter and sent immediately to the table. There are many ways of making a plain omelet still more appetizing by placing on it before folding over to serve, a few spoonfuls of stewed peas or minced meat that has been heated up. Pour around it a hot sauce—tomato or mushroom.

The omelet provides a delicious way in which to use up many little bits of "left overs." If a sweet omelet is desired, slice up fresh fruit in season—peaches are delicious served in the folds of the omelet with a sprinkling of sugar. Small fruits are also nice, and sliced tomatoes.

For poached eggs the water should boil gently and be deep enough to cover the eggs; drop each one in from a saucer. The water should be salted. As soon as a film settles over each, showing the yolk through in a delicate pink, lift it on to a slice of hot buttered toast with a skimmer.

A dainty way to serve eggs for breakfast, tea or luncheon is to take round slices of bread, toast them slightly, butter and dip the edges all round in hot water. On each round spread the white of an egg whipped stiffly with a speck of salt. Make a depression in the center and set in the yolk of the egg; place the toast in the oven just long enough for the yolk to set and the white to become a trifle brown. Send to table on small hot platters, garnished with sprigs of parsley.

Eggs are never separated, and only slightly beaten for custards. In boiling a custard, care should be taken that it does not curdle. It should be removed from the fire as soon as it begins to thicken and poured through the strainer in the bowl. But if it should curdle through a moment's neglect, do not throw it away, but strain into a bowl and beat up rapidly. It will become smooth again, but not quite so thick. Curdled custard makes good ice cream.

In using the whites of eggs sometimes you cannot immediately find a use for the left-over yolks; these will keep until you can find a use for them if they are placed in a glass of cold water. They will remain fresh for several days. On the other hand, you may want to use the yolks for garnishing and the like; in that case separate the whites carefully from the yolks and drop them into boiling hot water, cooking slowly until they are hard-boiled—ten minutes. The whites of eggs if kept for more than an hour or so, will not be available to whip up frothily. They should be put in a cold place the minute they are opened.

SOUP EGGBALLS.

These are delicious to serve with soup. Mash the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs with an equal quantity of freshly mashed and seasoned potatoes; mix with the yolk of a raw egg. Roll in flour, making little balls the size of cherries and drop into the skimmer for a moment in boiling hot water. Serve in the soup.

EGGS IN REMOULADE.

Cut open carefully lengthwise hard-boiled eggs and take out the yolks. Chop eight clams—this quantity to be used with as many yolks. Add a cupful of cooked mushrooms, a parboiled stalk of celery, and seasoning of salt, pepper and a walnut of melted butter blended with a teaspoonful of flour and a cupful of rich cream. Stir together over the fire until the sauce is slightly thickened. Lay the whites of the eggs on a platter, concave sides up, sprinkle with finely rolled bread or cracker crumbs, and set in the oven to keep warm while reheating the yolks in the sauce. When hot, replace the yolks in the centers of the whites and pour over the sauce.

BOILED EGGS ON ROUNDS OF RICE.

Mold boiled rice in pound baking-powder cans previously wetted in cold water. When cold, turn out and cut in thin slices, spread with butter, and set in a hot oven until crispy brown. Break the eggs in a flat dish separately, as for poaching, and set in the oven until they are firm. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and a little catsup or the juice of a sour orange. Cut the eggs apart with a round tin cutter, just the size to shave off all the ragged edge; lay each on a rice round and serve at once.

POACHED EGGS IN WHITE STOCK.

Dilute a cupful of white stock with half a cupful of hot water, and bring to a boiling point. Drop in the eggs separately from a cup, and cook until the whites are set and a film forms over the yolk. After the desired number of eggs are cooked, thicken to the consistency of cream the stock they were poached in, with flour. The eggs are each served on rounds of buttered toast with the sauce poured around.

RICE PYRAMID WITH EGGS.

To one cupful of hot boiled rice add a cupful of well-seasoned tomato sauce, half a cupful of chopped celery and a tablespoonful of grated cheese. Heat through thoroughly and pile up in the center of a flat dish with fried eggs arranged around it. These should be fried in butter and seasoned with salt and pepper.

EGGS A LA CREOLE.

Cook a dozen button onions tender, and reheat them in a tablespoonful of butter, frying them brown on all sides. To a cupful of Mexican sauce add the onions, two anchovies chopped fine and a tiny pinch of red pepper. Poach the number of eggs required, place on buttered rounds of toast or plain bread, and serve with the sauce poured over.

MEXICAN SAUCE.

To three tablespoonfuls of vinegar add a tablespoonful of chopped green pepper, a bay leaf and a sprig of parsley minced fine; strain into a pint of plain white sauce, adding the zest of a lemon and a teaspoonful of finely chopped chives.

EGG EAU-CLAIRES.

Beat up six eggs sufficiently to mix the whites and yolks. Season with salt and white pepper and pour into a buttered square tin. Set in a hot oven until firm. Prepare a pancake batter by mixing together a cupful of flour sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt and a dusting of paprika, two eggs beaten with a third of a cupful of cold milk, and a tablespoonful each of olive oil and lemon juice. Slice the baked egg mixture into strips three inches long by two wide and dip in the batter. Lay side by side in a buttered frying-pan and fry a delicate brown on both sides. Serve on a hot dish garnished with cress or lettuce-leaves—the smaller leaves of a bunch which are crisper and more tender as well as more delicate in color than those on the outside.—New Idea.

Dust and ashes are exceedingly injurious to the hair. When sweeping, dusting or performing other household duties wear a sweeping or dusting cap.

A DINNER INVITATION.

After a hearty meal a dose of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will prevent an attack of Indigestion. Kodol is a thorough digestant and a guaranteed cure for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Gas on the stomach, sour Risings, Bad Breath and all stomach troubles. N. Watkins, Lesbus, Ky., says: "I can testify to the efficacy of Kodol in the cure of Stomach Trouble. I was afflicted with Stomach Trouble for fifteen years and have taken six bottles of your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which entirely cured me. The six bottles were worth $1,000 to me." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest any quantity of all the wholesome food you want to eat while your stomach takes a rest—recuperates and grows strong. This wonderful preparation is justly entitled to all of its many remarkable cures. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Riches, my friend, said the plutocrat, do not bring happiness.

Maybe not, said the proletarian, but it must be a heap of satisfaction to have a lot of money and be able to talk like that to a chap that hasn't any.

PLEASANT AND HARMLESS.

Don't drug the stomach to cure a cough. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the mucus, draws the inflammation out of the throat, lungs and bronchial tubes, heals, soothes and cures. A quick cure for Croup and Whooping Cough. One Minute Cough Cure relieves a cough in one minute because it acts first on the mucous membrane right where the cough troubles—in the throat or deep-seated on the lungs. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Mother—"Oh, doctor! I'm so glad you've come. We have just had such a scare. We thought at first the baby had swallowed a five-dollar gold piece."

Doctor—"And you found out he hadn't?"

Mother—"Yes; it was only a quarter."

Ely's Liquid Cream Balm is an old friend in a new form. It is prepared for the particular benefit of sufferers from nasal catarrh who are used to an atomizer in spraying the diseased membranes. All the healing and soothing properties of Cream Balm are retained in the new preparation. It does not dry up the secretions. Price, including spraying tube, 75 cents. At your druggist's or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it.

How She Managed It. They were seated in the parlor and there was a hitch in the conversation. He seemed a trifle nervous and she seemed a trifle bored. Finally he said:

"What a lovely evening for a walk!"

"Indeed it is," she rejoined. "Would you like to take a walk?"

"Above all things," he assented, eagerly.

"Then why don't you?" she queried. And he did.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

To draw the fire out of a burn, or heal a cut without leaving a scar, use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A specific for piles. Get the genuine. J. L. Tucker, editor of the Harmonizer, Centre, Ala., writes: "I have used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve in my family for Piles, cuts and burns. It is the best salve on the market. Every family should keep it on hand." Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Doctor—"Madame, I can never cure you of this throat trouble if you don't stop talking."

Lady—"But, doctor, I'm awfully careful what I say, and I never use anything but the choicest language."

A SEVERE COLD FOR THREE MONTHS.

The following letter from A. J. Nusbaum, of Batesville, Ind., tells its own story. "I suffered for three months with a severe cold. A druggist prepared me some medicine, and a physician prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I then tried Foley's Honey and Tar, and eight doses cured me." Refuse substitutes. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Kerwin—I guess my wife thinks I'm a pretty smart man.

Merritt—What's the explanation?

Kerwin—She admits that I am half as smart as she thought I was the day we were married.

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

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Nothing to Fear.—Judge Rockwood Hoar, brother of the late Senator Hoar, was noted as a wit as well as a jurist. Shortly before his death, as his daughter entered his room in the morning, he said: "My dear, I had a dream last night and in it I saw the angel of death sitting at the foot of my bed. At first I was horribly frightened, but as I gazed at my visitor my fears vanished. He wore a fur cap."

DANGERS OF PNEUMONIA.

A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is so often fatal, and even when the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Fanny—Why in the world do you send away for so many catalogues and then never buy anything?

Suzette—To keep the postman coming here. I don't want those women across the street to know that Jack and I don't correspond any more.

BY THE TONIC ROUTE.

The pills that act as a tonic and not as a drastic purge, are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure Headache, Constipation, Billiousness, etc. Early Risers are small, easy to take and easy to act—a safe pill. Mack Hamilton, hotel clerk at Valley City, N. D., says: "Two bottles cured me of chronic constipation." Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

The best thing about a woman is a man's arm.

True Friendship. Harold—My trusted and bosom friend, Jack Armstrong, has cut me out in the affections of Dolly Giddygurl! What do you think of that?

Jerrold—Why, I think that's the kind of a friend to have, old chap!

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR.

Cures coughs and colds.
Cures bronchitis and asthma.
Cures croup and whooping cough.
Cures hoarseness and bronchial troubles.
Cures pneumonia and the grippe.
F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"I know men," averred Uncle Allen Sparks, "who think they are earning a living when all they are doing is beating the world out of one."

COUGH SETTLED ON HER LUNGS.

"My daughter had a terrible cough which settled on her lungs," says N. Jackson of Danville, Ill. "We tried a great many remedies without relief, until we gave her Foley's Honey and Tar which cured her." Refuse substitutes. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"And how is Jack looking since he married for love?"

"A good deal like a cat that is owned by a vegetarian."

PNEUMONIA FOLLOWS A COLD but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals and strengthens the lungs and affords perfect security from an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

He—I can never think of the right thing to say at the right time!

She—Why don't you try saying the right thing sometimes even if you get it in the wrong place?

If taken this month, keeps you well all summer. It makes the little ones eat, sleep and grow. A spring tonic for the whole family. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.; Orin Stevens.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Overconfident Fish

"Of all the fish in all the sea there's none so very smart as me," sang the swordfish.

"If you were really as smart as you think you are, you would sing, 'Of all the fish beneath the sky there's none so very smart as I,'" declared the mud dabbler. "Your grammar isn't very good."

"Well, I'm smart, anyway," declared the swordfish. "I shall never be caught by any of these fishermen with a funny little worm on a hook. I'm too smart for that."

And then he went darting around beneath the boats of the fishermen who had come out from the shore with their hooks and lines and nets to catch fish.

Every now and then the swordfish would go to the surface of the water

"THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME."

and jump up into the air to show himself to the men and let them know what a beautiful fish there was that they could not catch. He went as near the boats as he could, too, so everybody could have a good view of him.

"I would like to have that fish," said one of the men, "but he won't bite at any of my lines."

"I'll get him for you," replied an old fisherman, as he picked up a stout stick from the bottom of the boat.

Then the very next time that the swordfish darted into the air the old fisherman reached over and dealt him a hard blow with the stick, and Mr. Fish fell into the boat with his senses knocked out.

Moral.—There's more than one way to catch a fish.—Detroit Journal.

The Impecunious Turk.

Collecting money from Turkey is a heartbreaking enterprise. A distinguished American once went there to collect a debt of $500,000 owing to an English syndicate, which included two members of parliament and a cabinet minister. He expected to see the business through in two or three months. But a foreign ambassador undeceived him. "Say three or four months and then you will be as far off from obtaining your money as you are today," he remarked. Men had gone out there to prosecute claims, he added, whose hair had turned gray with the strain to which they were subjected and who had gone home thoroughly broken in health, unable to obtain a Turkish lira to show for years of fruitless labor. One victim of Turkish duplicity and procrastination died in a lunatic asylum. One of the embassies had been twenty-five years prosecuting claims without realizing a cent.

Burning of the Vanities.

Savanarolo once marked his strong condemnation of luxury by collecting a large number of articles which he regarded as vanities during the carnival to be burnt in the Piazza della Signoria, Florence, on Shrove Tuesday, 1497. In this "burning of the vanities" were included fancy costumes, carnival masks, false hair and rouge pots, cards and dice boxes, books and pictures, together with casts and valuable sculptures of questionable character. Built up into a pyramid of seven stages—signifying the seven deadly sins—the pile was burnt by lighting fagots placed in the center, while children standing round sang hymns before the assembled crowds.

Japanese Ladies and Suicide.

While Japanese ladies never committed harakiri, the honorable equivalent was death by a stab in the neck from her own dirk, a weapon which she generally carried in her girdle to be used in time of need.

Where a Roman dame would in ancient times have plunged her dagger into her own heart, a Japanese heroine preferred to thrust the weapon into her neck, and there is no record of either male or female in Japan ending existence in the fashion that is so often depicted in western novels and less frequently perhaps in real life.—Nineteenth Century.

Tides on the Great Lakes.

In theory there must be lunar tides on the great lakes, although they may be too small to be detected in bodies of water so much more affected by winds and by differences in barometric pressure. This latter influence is so potent that in Lake Michigan it sometimes causes disturbances resembling tidal waves when the surface of the water is otherwise quite calm.

Reconciled to It.

The car was crowded to its full capacity, and the two who had just entered were compelled to hold to the same strap.

"We seem to be sentenced to hang," observed the maid.

"Yes," whispered the young man as his fingers closed over hers. "Capital punishment."—Chicago Tribune.

A Little Mixed.

"Johnson wants to borrow some money of me. Do you know anything about him?"

"I know him as well as I do you. I wouldn't let him have a dollar."—New Yorker.

All the Way Round.

Margie—If you don't quit teasing me I'll tell memma, and she'll tell papa, then papa will whip you. Harry—Then I'll cry, and grandma will give me some candy, and I won't give you any.

Experience or Reminiscence.

The Author's Wife—How can you write an up to date sea story when you haven't been on the water for years? The Author—Well, I've been married for twenty years, and yet I can write a love story.—Life.

The Bitter End.

A pupil in one of the New York public schools was asked to write a sentence containing the words "bitter end." He turned in the following: "A dog chased a cat and bitter end."

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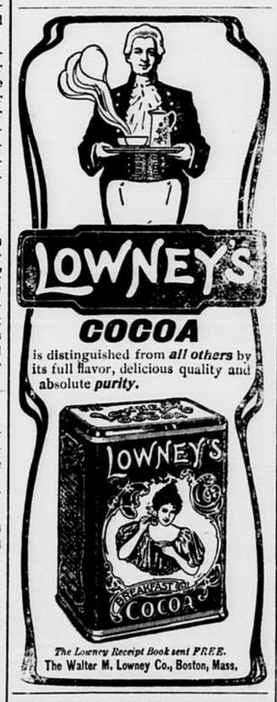

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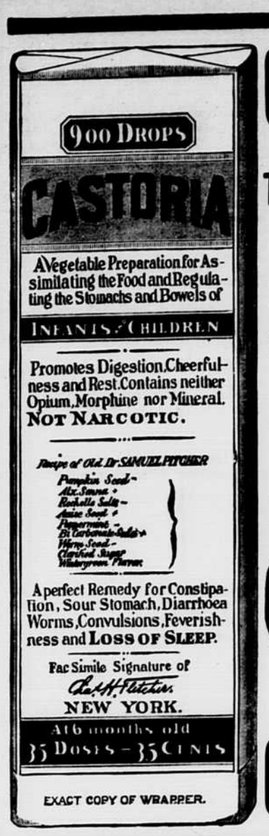

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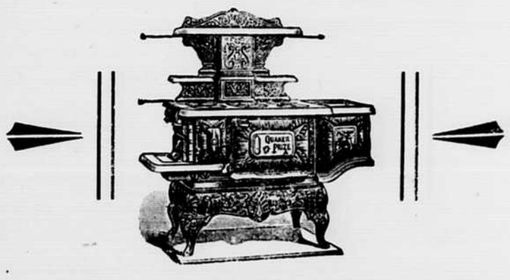

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